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Mississippi Missionary Lewis Myers Stays Very Busy In Vietnam

Lewis I. Myers, Jr., missionary from Mississippi, works through a refugee village in the eastern part of Danang, Vietnam. Missionary Myers, pastor, leads a worship service in the Baptist Church, in Danang.

In Quangnai, a village near Danang, Bible study is held in a Baptist home church. Missionary Myers, right, leading.

Missionary Myers talks to an elderly man in the refugee village in eastern Danang. (FMB Photos by Fon H. Scofield, Jr.)

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Missionaries Remain In Vietnam

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board meeting here appointed six new missionaries, reappointed four former missionaries, and heard administrative reports including one on the status of missionaries serving in Vietnam.

A few of the Southern Baptist missionaries in Vietnam have moved "from more exposed places," but most are remaining in their regular locations. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission on Board told the board members.

The latest word from the missionaries there is, "We are cautious but unafraid," Cauthen told the board.

Referring to President Nixon's May 8 announcement of new military facilities in Vietnam, Cauthen said that the missionaries there are "going along

with their work with much prayer and commitment to the Lord's leadership."

Appointed as missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. Clinton M. Ashley of Dallas for evangelistic work in Brazil; Dr. and Mrs. Donald G. Duvall of New Orleans — both are medical doctors — for Indonesia; and Dr. and Mrs. W. David Harms — he is a medical doctor — for Honduras.

Two couples who were formerly missionaries were reappointed. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker N. Callaway of Albany, Calif., will go to Liberia, and Mr. and Mrs. Coleman D. Clarke of Riverdale, N. Y., to Japan. Both couples were missionaries in Hawaii and Japan for more than 20 years before resigning. In his report to the board, Charles W. Bryan, secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, outlined a

plan of integration for the work of missionaries and national Baptists in Mexico.

The plan, embodying a concept of one overall program of Baptist work in Mexico, was approved during the 63rd annual session of the National Baptist Convention of Mexico held in Matamoros the first week of May.

Steps were taken to implement the plan of integration on a gradual basis, reported Bryan, who attended the annual session. He presented the 10-point outline of the plan to the board.

Some of the points included are as follows:

—The Mexico Mission (organization of missionaries) welcomes opportunities to participate in surveys to determine needs and goals and to project plans for Baptist work in Mexico.

—The mission will feel free to request economic assistance and missionary personnel to enable national Baptist work in Mexico to take advantage of opportunities in this decade.

—Financial help and personnel provided by the Foreign Mission Board for Baptist work in Mexico are not intended to discourage local initiative and responsibility but rather to stimulate growth in Christian stewardship.

—The board has a stewardship responsibility to seek the direction of the Holy Spirit in determining the use of funds contributed by churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, and to inform the churches about the

missionary work being carried out in order to inspire and assure greater power support and financial support.

It is of major importance that we understand that in the very heart of the missionary enterprise rests the spirit of cooperation," said the outline.

As part of his report to the board, Cauthen expressed appreciation for a record year of giving through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. A week earlier, it had been announced that the 1971 Lottie

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Board Authorizes Hospital Financing

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in a called meeting May 15, authorized the Mississippi Baptist Hospital to effect temporary and permanent financing for the construction and equipping of the proposed new 600 bed capacity hospital to be built diagonally across the street from its present facility on property now owned by the hospital.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary - treasurer of the Convention Board, said that the meeting had been requested by the hospital trustees. Dr. Robert L. Hamblin, Tupelo, president of the Convention Board, presided over the meeting.

Zach T. Hederman, of Jackson, chairman of the trustees of the hospital, presented the request of the hospital to the board and stated that the amount to be financed is up to \$30,000,000.

The Convention Board, in a similar called meeting in June of 1971, granted the hospital authority to finance \$23,000,000, and the action of the Convention Board Monday raised this amount to \$30,000,000, Dr. Hudgins added.

Mr. Hederman, in presenting the request of the present 400-bed hospital, (including basins and the Progressive Care Unit) said that the increase of \$7,000,000 was necessary for several reasons, as follows:

The addition of certain newly developed scientific equipment that will increase costs of equipping the new hospital, the escalation of construction costs, a decision to complete all areas of the hospital since the initial presentation revealed that plans were to leave certain areas unfinished, and the fact that the present hospital has already entered into its program, including a cardio-vascular project, which would be included and enlarged upon in the new facility.

Mr. Hederman also said that additional parking facilities are being planned to serve the new 600-bed hospital which will require two and one-half to three years to build.

The chairman said that it was hoped that contracts for the construction of the hospital could be let later in 1972.

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Pageant To Depict Baptist Heritage

PHILADELPHIA (BP)—The Tuesday evening session of the Southern Baptist Convention here June 6 will feature a pageant depicting the heritage and history of the denomination which had its local and national beginnings here.

The 30-minute pageant will be sponsored and produced by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention as its report to the denomination.

"We feel we can do more to communicate our heritage to the people in this 30 minutes than we can in two years of writing and publishing materials on Baptist history," said Lynn E. May Jr., executive secretary of the SBC Historical Commission in Nashville.

The pageant, written by South Carolina Baptist Historian Louie Latimer Owens of Columbia, will depict Baptist beginnings in Philadelphia, and communicate the significant role Philadelphia has played in the life of the denomination, May said.

Scenes in the dramatic presentation will cover such historic events as the organization of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, the first association of churches in America, in 1707; Philadelphia's role in starting the second association in Charleston, S. C., in 1751; the founding of the first Baptist college, Rhode Island College, by the Philadelphia Association in 1764; the historic plea for religious liberty before the Continental Congress in 1774 by Baptists, the organization of the first national denomination of Baptists, the Triennial Convention, in Philadelphia in 1814; the beginnings of Baptist foreign missions efforts; and the last session of the Triennial Convention before the split between Northern and Southern Baptists in 1844-45.

A 30-piece orchestra and the 100-voice Centurymen, a choir of Southern Baptist ministers of music sponsored by the SBC Radio-Television Commission, will provide the music for the pageant. Beryl Red, a musician and composer - director from New York City, will direct the orchestra and the Centurymen.

A cast of characters enlisted from the Columbia, S. C., area, many of whom participated in a dramatic presentation last November commemorating the 125th anniversary of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, will present the pageant.

The same drama team which produced the South Carolina pageant, entitled "Saints of Clay," will direct the SBC pageant here.

Frank Z. Harris, from the sales staff of television station WNOK-TV, Columbia, who is active in amateur drama in the Columbia area, will direct the drama. Harris, a Jew, was also director for "Saints of Clay."

Woman Baptist Minister To Marry Former Catholic Priest

By Jim Newton

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)—For the first time in history, an ordained Southern Baptist minister will marry a former Catholic priest.

The ceremony, scheduled May 28 at Kathwood Baptist Church here, was described by a local newspaper as "the ecumenical wedding of the year."

Miss Shirley Carter, a Baptist chaplain at the Harbison Correctional Institute for Women here, will marry W. Pringle Lee, a counselor-recruiter for the Columbia Technical Education Center.

The ceremony will be led by Edie Rickenbaker, pastor of Kathwood Baptist Church which last August ordained Miss Carter to the gospel ministry. She is one of only three women known to have been ordained to the gospel ministry by a Southern Baptist church.

The couple has requested Msgr. William J. Croghan, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church here, to officiate jointly in the ceremony "if possible."

In an interview here, both Miss Carter and Lee as well as Rickenbaker

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Ohio Church School Aid Hits Snag

WASHINGTON (BP) — The U. S. Supreme Court here denied a request from the state of Ohio to allow reimbursement to parents of parochial school pupils for expenses incurred by them in sending their children to non-public schools.

Earlier a three-judge federal court for the Southern District of Ohio had issued a restraining order against the state forbidding it to make reimbursement payments to parents of parochial school pupils. The court later declared the statute in question to be unconstitutional.

In 1971 the Ohio legislature passed, and the governor signed, a law creating a state income tax for the purpose of raising funds to pay public schools \$600 per pupil, as well as a

\$90 per pupil allocation to parents who send their children to nonpublic schools.

Martin W. Essex, superintendent of public schools for the state of Ohio, applied to Justice Potter Stewart of the U. S. Supreme Court to suspend the order of the lower court until the case is finally decided by the Supreme Court. Stewart referred the matter to the full Supreme Court, which decided 6-3 not to grant Ohio's request.

The petition from Ohio was accompanied by an affidavit from Governor John J. Gilligan. He said: "The withholding of parental reimbursement grants at this particular time presents an educational crisis in the

state of Ohio affecting public and non-public schools."

Under the part of the Ohio law that was suspended by court action, a parent qualified for the reimbursement grant under any of three conditions:

1. He must provide an at-home education which meets State Department of Education standards;
2. He must provide an accredited education for his child in a private school without religious affiliation; or
3. He must provide an accredited education for his child in a church-related school which teaches all state-required secular courses and complies with all other state minimum educational standards.

Allowed by the law but not provided (Continued On Page 2)

Sunday, May 21, Radio And Television Day

When Baptists in more than 5,600 churches settle into their pews on Sunday, May 21, they'll be part of a vast fellowship observing a very special day — Radio and Television Sunday.

Posters, bulletin inserts and other informative materials have been readied to make these churches, and others, aware of the work and programs of the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission.

"The number of churches that have requested Radio and Television Sunday materials is greater than ever before," said Dr. Paul M. Stevens, executive director.

"The average Southern Baptist doesn't realize he's a radio and television producer," Dr. Stevens continued. "The average Southern Baptist thinks he's a businessman, or teacher, or homemaker, or student. But he becomes a radio and television producer when he contributes to the Cooperative Program which makes this Commission possible."

Each show produced by the Radio and Television Commission is carefully designed to present the good news and the claims of Jesus Christ in today's world, Dr. Stevens said. A show's success is measured by the letters that pour into Commission offices daily.

"Our mail response has been particularly exciting," he said. "During the first five months of this fiscal year we have already opened as much mail as we received during the entire year last year. We expect to receive 175,000 letters this year from people who will write us for the first time after hearing our programs." Dr. Stevens cited a recent mail

record for "Powerline," the 30-minute rock music program reaching

turned-on teenagers who've turned off traditional church programs.



SUCCESS GAUGE—Sharon Garland, a Radio and Television Commission employee, delves through the mountain of mail that arrives at the Commission from individuals who hear the radio programs and see the television productions. Mail is a good indication of the number of listeners a program commands.

"During the first two weeks of April we had a record number of 93 decisions, just from 'Powerline' alone," he said.

He broke the figures down. "There were 17 young people who accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, 51 more who rededicated themselves to a deeper commitment and an additional 25 who sought more information about accepting Jesus."

On Radio and Television Sunday, Baptists will see dull statistics translated into terms of vital individual needs.

For example, the Radio and Television Commission now distributes 3,075 programs weekly for broadcast all over the world. This totals 186,316 separate broadcasts per year — an all time high. The gospel is heard on 1,846 radio stations all over the United States and on 217 of the 909 television stations in this country.

"Something the average Southern Baptist may not know is that these radio and television stations have donated more than \$5 million in free time to show these programs," continued Dr. Stevens. "That's more than twice the Radio and Television Commission's entire operating budget."

"Estimates based on an actual mail response show that Southern Baptists, through their radio and television programs, reach more than 100 million people per year," said Dr. Stevens.

Highlights of this year's outreach include the introduction of "The Human Dimension," a new television series which consists of 13 half-hour color films.

This has been a year for a number of major network television specials. (Continued On Page 2)

Sunday, May 21, Is Radio And TV Day

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"Time and the Cities" was aired over NBC in February, "Sunday in Galilee" on Easter Sunday, and ABC's "Directions" series has featured the Radio and Television Commission's "Home" as well as an interview with Tom Landry, head coach of football's Super Bowl winners, the Dallas Cowboys.

In addition, there are other regular programs including "JOT," the animated dot who teaches children moral and spiritual values on nearly 100 television stations across the country; the award-winning "Master Control" which features interviews with exciting people and short, powerful religious messages; "Country Crossroads," a half-hour of country and western entertainment and inspiration, and "The Baptist Hour," the oldest and best known of the Commission's programs.

"Now we have 'The Baptist Hour' in Hungarian and in the Tagalog dialect of the Philippine Islands," said Dr. Stevens. "Our language programs include Spanish, Portuguese, two Chinese dialects — Mandarin and Cantonese — and Russian."

He explained that the Chinese and Russian broadcasts are being beamed behind the Bamboo and Iron Curtains by a transmitter on Okinawa. When Okinawa reverts to Japanese control a shortwave station being built on the coast of Korea will be used. The station, owned by the Far East Broadcast Company (an interdenominational organization), is expected to be able to transmit up to 250,000 watts and is much more powerful than the one presently in use.

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er, said they had not thought of the wedding in terms of its being "the ecumenical wedding of the year."

"I'm marrying them, not because she is a Baptist minister and he is a former priest, but because they are very much in love with each other," Rickenbaker said.

Throughout the interview here, the couple seemed to bubble over with love and excitement about the forthcoming wedding.

Reaction to their plans has been mixed, they said, but mostly has been "positive" and "enthusiastic."

But they do anticipate some "flack" from "people who don't see us as persons, but who look at issues instead." Lee said he had probably received more opposition than had his wife-to-be.

They are not worried about any criticism, however. They add that they have no problems whatever about any theological differences between them.

"We're asked questions like, 'Are you going to convert him?' and 'Are you going to become a Catholic?'" Miss Carter said. "But this is no issue for us. Religion is no hangup," they agreed.

They said they plan to worship together at Kathwood Baptist Church where she is a member, and at St. Peter's Catholic Church, where he was assistant pastor for many years.

Both plan to continue their own professional careers in the same fields.

Graduation Time Again At The Colleges Carey's Commencement Day: May 27 Blue Mountain Commencement To Be May 28

William Carey College's large graduating class in history will be dressed on commencement day, May 27, by two outstanding professionals in their fields.

Dr. Ray Frank Robbins, professor

BULLETIN

Mrs. Frank Means, wife of Secretary for Latin America for the Foreign Mission Board, died Monday. The funeral is scheduled at the Foreign Mission Board Building in Richmond at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

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tor, the two assistant administrators, Mike Wilkinson and Earl Eddins, and Charles Harrison, controller, were introduced, along with several trustees and other interested friends.

Mr. Pryor later discussed the \$1,000,000 capital campaign conducted by the hospital and said that it was still open and urged contributions at any time.

The Convention Board is the State Convention ad interim and acts for the Convention between its annual session each November, Dr. Hudgins said.

The hospital is owned by the Mississippi Baptist Convention and operated by a board of trustees appointed by the Convention.

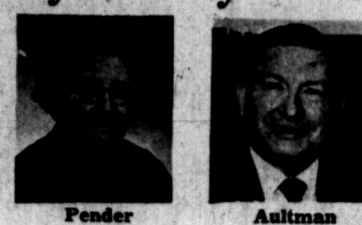
Construction of the new 600-bed hospital, when completed, will make Mississippi Baptist Hospital a major medical complex with a total of 1000 beds.

It will be situated on a six-acre tract on the northwestern corner of the intersection of North State Street and Manship Street — a site once occupied by Mississippi Charity Hospital.

of New Testament and Greek at New Orleans Seminary, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at 11 a.m. and Dr. David Terrence Kelly, associate executive secretary of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, will deliver the commencement address at 5:30 p.m. Both services will be held in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium.

Dr. Robbins, whose son, John, is a student at William Carey College, has been on the New Orleans Seminary faculty since 1952. Prior to that time he was associate professor of Bible at Samford University.

Dr. Kelly has held his responsible position with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools since 1966; prior to that he was Dean of Instruction at Clearwater campus of St. Petersburg Junior College in Florida. In his capacity as associate executive secretary of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Dr. Kelly coordinates the evaluation of senior colleges throughout an eleven-state area. He lives in Atlanta.



Wm. Carey To Bestow Doctoral Degrees

William Carey College will bestow honorary doctoral degrees on an outstanding attorney and on a distinguished retired missionary during regular commencement exercises on May 27.

The two are Attorney Bruce C. Aultman and missionary to the orient, Miss Auris Pender.

Mr. Aultman has served as a trustee of William Carey College since 1948, having served four different times as chairman of the board.

Miss Pender is a 1928 graduate of Mississippi Women's College, the forerunner of William Carey College. She was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1935 and has spent more than 28 years working in China, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Hawaii. She now makes her home in Kosciusko.

Attorney Aultman is a native of Hattiesburg, earned his law degree at the University of Mississippi in 1938, and has practiced law in Hattiesburg since that time.

Blue Mountain Commencement To Be May 28



Blue Mountain College, Dr. E. Harold Fisher, president, announces its plans for commencement exercises which will be held at the close of the 99th annual session.

On Sunday, May 28, at 11 a. m. in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium, Dr. Duke McCall, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, and at 3 p. m. on the same day, Dr. W. G. Tanner, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, will deliver the commencement address.

Bachelor's degrees will be awarded to 91 young women and ministerial members of the 1972 graduating class at BMC.

State Men Place Second

Mississippi Baptist men placed second among states in the Southern Baptist Convention church study course awards earned in Brotherhood leadership during the first six months of the church year.

The Mississippi men received 530 awards.

Other states in the top five were South Carolina, 631; Georgia, 394; Tennessee, 306; and Alabama, 285.

Category 66 of the Church Study Course offers study of six books; Brotherhood Program of a Baptist Church, Baptist Men in Missions, Royal Ambassadors in Missions, Crusader Counselor's Guide, Pioneer Counselor's Guide, and Associational Brotherhood Program.

'Nearly Half The World' Now Bars Foreign Missionaries

ATLANTA (RNS) — Nearly one-half the world is now closed to "foreign missionaries," Dr. John Haggi of Evangelism International told members of the Religion Newswriters Association here.

Malaysia will expel all its missionaries by August this year, he reported.

However, despite these developments, "the missionary effort is not dying, "only changing radically," Dr. Haggi maintained.

Third World people are not rejecting the Christian Gospel as much as they are rejecting American and Western influences, he said.

"It's time," he said, "we take Jesus from Jerusalem directly to the geographic point of action rather than routing Him through the United States."

Because of current world attitudes, the Christian Church must make missionaries of national peoples, Dr. Haggi said.

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hibited by the court actions are reimbursements for expenses incurred for bus transportation, approved school books, laboratory fees for secular courses, testing fees and certain tuition charges.

In ruling against the grants to parents of parochial school pupils, the Ohio court pointed out that of the 334,420 pupils attending nonpublic schools, 98 per cent attend denominational nonpublic schools. Of these, 95 per cent attend Catholic schools. Only two per cent of the total attend private nonsectarian schools.

The court asserted that payment of the funds to parents "for transmittal to the denominational school does not have a cleansing effect and somehow causes the funds to lose their identity as public funds."

The three judges continued: "While the ingenuity of man is apparently limitless, the court has held with unvarying regularity that one may not do by indirection what is forbidden directly; one may not by form alone contradict the substance of a transaction."

"The district court then concluded: 'However ingenious, however laudable, however structure, the substance and the direction of this section of the code is simply to transfer public moneys to denominational schools.'"

The court charged that the Ohio law "contains the seeds for increased political involvement along religious lines at every level of government, from the local school boards to the general assembly."

"This, of course, is the ultimate evil to be protected by the religion clauses," the judges continued. "Money under the state statute is being given directly to parents of nonpublic school children, who are overwhelmingly of one religious sect, in the form of a state subsidy."

"To uphold this statute would be to introduce the religious issue to the very center of state politics. As the need for additional funds remains, the political issue will be an expansive one—with some religions seeking more money, some religions seeking some money — with the result that the issue will be joined along sharply drawn religious lines," the court declared.

Missionaries To Remain In Vietnam

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Moon Christmas Offering contributions had reached \$17,833,810, an increase of \$1.6 million over last year's gifts.

Cauthen expressed appreciation to

"the Woman's Missionary Union and all others who have shared in this remarkable offering . . . for their labor of love which made it a possibility."

He also expressed gratitude for the continued growth of the Cooperation

Program, the denomination's unified budget plan which provides funds for all Southern Baptist Convention causes, with about half the budget going to foreign missions.

"We are greatly encouraged as we

look toward the future, feeling that Southern Baptists are deeply committed to the worldwide ministry of the Gospel of Christ and will continue to undergird it through prayer, dedication of life, and resources," said Cauthen.

Vietnam -- As A Child Sees It

East Danang: In the refugee section, a small girl is framed in the barbed wire that forms a barricade around the Baptist Chapel property. — (FMB Photo by Fon Scofield, Jr.)



Vietnam -- As A Missionary Sees It

How Do You Say, "I Love You. . ."

How do you say, "I love you. . .
God loves you. . .
You ought to love yourself?"

How do you say it to faces
shadowed under conical thatches?
How do you say it to all the faces.
etched by the hand of care.
eroded by hopelessness.
gaunt with fatigue.
scarred with mistrust?

How do you whisper it into ears
turned to hear the band of our generation. . .
beating out the marching tune
with whine of jets as fife
and thump of rockets as drum?

Do you say it with a word. . .
a smile. . .
a helping hand. . .
a bowl of rice?

My God, my God. . .
How do you want me to say it?

How did you say it?

Does love always have to be said from Calvary?

— By Lewis I. Myers, Jr., Missionary
Danang, South Vietnam
news feature released Sept. 17, 1971
(Reprinted from a foreign mission

SBC Religious Educators To Probe Work In World

to the Southern Baptist Convention, will be "The World: Our Heritage. . . Our Future."

Sessions will be held Sunday and Monday, June 4-5, at the Holiday Inn, Penn Center (1800 Market St.), in Philadelphia.

Joe Burnette, president of the organization and minister of education at First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.

C., said the program will seek to help religious educators relate their field of work to the present day world.

Principal speakers include Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; and Carl E. Bates, president of the 11.9 million-member Southern Baptist Convention and pastor

of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Several panel discussions will be scheduled during the two-day session, delving into aspects of the work of the religious educator in today's world.

Monday morning sessions will feature one panel, and two addresses with reactors to each presentation, on "The World of . . ." preschool and childhood education, youth education, and adult education. Educators and experts in each field will participate.

Another panel on Monday afternoon will delve into the world of church and program organizations.

Two addresses on "The World Seeks the Now Generation" will be delivered Monday evening by Fenton Moorhead, minister of the generation gap for First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Fla.; and by Don Rhymes, former minister to the Tenth Street community in Atlanta and recently named associate secretary for missionary personnel of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Each session will open with a Bible study on "God Speaks to Our World" by Peter Rhea Jones, assistant professor of New Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The opening Sunday afternoon session will include a panel discussion on church staff relations, and presentations on the church library by Carlton Carter of the SBC Sunday School Board's church library department, and on "Tools for the Religious Educator" by Bob Dowdy of the Board's Broadman trade sales department.

The opening panel will probe whether or not church staff members should resign if the pastor leaves the church, and other church staff relations problems, Burnette said.

Thaxton Church To Celebrate Centennial

The Centennial of Thaxton Church, formerly Duncan Creek Church, Pontotoc County, will be celebrated May 21, at 2 p.m.

All former pastors and other interested persons are invited to attend. The pastor is Rev. Lewis Woods.

Dr. O. P. Moore To Retire At Clarke College

Dr. O. P. Moore, Chairman of the Department of Bible and Religion, who has been with Clarke College for almost twenty-four years, is retiring at the end of the 1971-72 session.

He actually worked many hours in the two years prior to his coming in November 1948 seeking funds for the school. The first six years of his work was in the field of Public Relations. It was during the time of his service in this area that the highest student enrollment ever at Clarke, 672 for a twelve months' period, was reached. Of this number 271 were preachers, and in this particular year little Clarke College had more ministerial students than any other Baptist school among Southern Baptists, with the exception of Baylor University in Texas. It, of course, was a four-year school.

Dr. Moore also succeeded in raising the greater portion of the funds which went into the construction of the boys' dormitory that burned some years back. Two faculty homes were erected on the campus mostly from funds selected by him during this time.

Dr. Moore is the author of two books, *CHRIST - GUIDED PRAYER* and *101 TRIBUTES TO THE BIBLE*. He has one other book almost ready for the press and still another in the organizational stage. He expects to spend much time seeking to get these books ready for printing within the near future. He also plans to promote tours abroad, more particularly to the Holy Land. He and his wife have made three such tours abroad already, but hope to promote at least two a year for the next several years.

Plane Crash Kills Two Washington Pastors And Wives

HUGO, Colo. (BP) — Two Baptist pastors from Washington, D. C., and their wives were killed in a private plane crash near here as they flew through a thunderstorm enroute to attend the American Baptist Convention in Denver.

The crash claimed the lives of Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Foster, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Wortman. Foster was pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, and Wortman was pastor of Chevy Chase Baptist Church, both in Washington, D. C.

The single-engine Piper Tri-Pacer plane which Foster was flying in a thunderstorm apparently crashed into the muddy wheat field where it was found.

Last radio contact with Foster had been made at 7:37 p.m., Tuesday, May 9.

Farrell Pastor Dies

Rev. John William Crosby of Clarksdale, Mississippi, pastor of Farrell Church, died April 29, at Baptist Hospital, Memphis, after a brief illness. He was 61.

Services were held May 1 at Clarksdale Church with Rev. L. B. Marion officiating.

Born at Ackerman, Mr. Crosby was educated at Mercer University, and received his B. D. and R. E. degrees at Southwestern Seminary. He had held pastorates at Cordele, Athens, and Hartwell, Georgia and at Walnut Church, Mississippi.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Helen Welch Crosby; a daughter, Mrs. Fay Treadway Tucker of Lanham, Maryland; and three grandchildren.

Members of Farrell Church have adopted a resolution of tribute to Mr. Crosby: "In memory of our beloved



Mississippi Specialists, In Memphis Meeting
A delegation of Brotherhood training specialists from Mississippi met with their leader, Elmer Howell (right) of Jackson, between sessions of the three-day Regional Training Institute in Memphis. The men were among 250 from 13 states and Mexico who were equipped to train church Brotherhood leaders this fall. Brotherhood Commission Photo

Dr. B. F. Smith To Retire At Carey

Dr. B. F. Smith will retire from the faculty of William Carey College on May 31 and devote full time to the counseling service he has conducted part time for the past two years.

Smith is the first man ever to head two divisions in the college, Social Studies and Philosophy and Religion, for a total of 20 of his 25 years, with the rank of full professor the entire time. This is a record both for rank and for length of service.



He was on the Administrative Council for years and presently serves on the Committee on Honorary Degrees. He is the only current professor to have published a full length book, *Christian Baptism*, published by Broadman last year. He wrote curriculum materials for the Sunday School Board for many years. He is a past vice president and board member of the state Baptist convention and served pastorates at Magnolia, Durant, Lyon, and Jonesboro, before going to Carey. He has served well over a hundred churches in the Hattiesburg area as revivalist, interim pastor, and pulpit supply and will continue to serve in this way as called on.

A native of Copiah County, Dr. Smith attended Louisiana College, Peabody, U. S. M., and Southern Seminary, earning the B. A., M. A., Th. M. and Ph.D. degrees. He has served on the summer faculties at U. S. M. and Mississippi College. He holds membership in several professional groups and fraternities and is listed in the *Dictionary of International Biography*, *Dictionary of American Philosophers*, *Personalities of the South*, *Who's Who in American Education* and *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*. His wife, the former Gertrude Bass, taught biology at Carey several years. They have a daughter, a son, and three grandchildren.

pastor, Rev. John W. Crosby. We, the members of Farrell Church cannot express in words our deep appreciation and love for our late pastor. He surely walked in the footsteps of Jesus, leading his little flock of members in humble, sincere, and true worship. We have suffered a great loss, but we rejoice in knowing that he has made the trip that he had prepared and dreamed for so many years. Now he is with Jesus."

Fellowship Of Conservative Baptists Plan Action At SBC

MILTON, Fla. — The Fellowship of Conservative Southern Baptists, in a rally meeting in Milton, Florida on April 8, 1972, formally approved a motion which Gwin Turner, Pastor of First Baptist Church Mar Vista, Los Angeles, intends to present at the Southern Baptist Convention in June.

The motion will deal with the now-controversial Broadman Bible Commentary. A motion in the 1970 convention, introduced by Turner, to recall Volume I was overwhelmingly carried, but, according to Pierre Kennedy, Pastor from Tampa, Florida, "There has been widespread disappointment in the response of the Sunday School Board to the commentary issue."

"We feel very strongly that the Sunday School Board has not followed the spirit; nor the intent of the Denver motion," said J. C. Caruthers, Executive Director of Fellowship of Conservative Southern Baptists. "We were especially disappointed when Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, who was enlisted to rewrite the Genesis portion, said, 'My acceptance of this assignment does not imply my rejection of the previous work of G. Henton Davies, for whose doctrinal integrity I have the greatest respect, but is in response to the expressed desire of Southern Baptists for further discussion of the implication of current biblical studies for our common faith'" (California Southern Baptists, October 14, 1971). Turner reported in the rally that in his further reading of the Broadman Bible Commentary he has discovered that "the same type of material that the convention re-

jected in Volume I saturates the succeeding volumes."

The new motion which Turner plans to present in the first session of miscellaneous business will call for a complete rewriting of the entire set, as well as a new editor. The motion, in its entirety, will read as follows:

"That because a large segment of the material of the entire set of the Broadman Bible Commentary (thus far published) is out of harmony with the spirit and letter of the 'Baptist Faith and Message' adopted by this Convention, we request that the Sunday School Board withdraw from further sale the entire set, seek a new conservative editor, enlist a group of thoroughly conservative writers, and rewrite the entire set from a conservative viewpoint."

According to the convention program announced in the April issue of the "Baptist Program", the first miscellaneous business session will be at 12 noon on Tuesday, June 6, 1972. The Southern Baptist Convention meets this year at the Convention Hall of the Civic Center in Philadelphia, Pa.

Topic: Fewer college students from low- and middle-income families. Reason: State schools, like private colleges, are becoming expensive to attend. Examples: New York, tuition up 18-45%; boarding students' costs over \$2,000 a year; Ohio State U., room and board up \$200 a year to \$2,700; New Hampshire, \$2,600.

The bigot agrees there are two sides to every question: his side and the wrong one.

A Warning Against "Authoritarianism"

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — A warning against "a trend toward authoritarianism observable in our churches" was sounded at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here by J. P. Allen of Fort Worth during the fourth annual H. I. Hester lectureship on preaching.

Allen, director of audience response for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, said, however, that the "authoritarianism" is not coming from denominational leaders on high but from outspoken people in the local congregation.

"Strangely," he said, "it is not the case of the 'hierarchy' in Nashville trying to absorb the churches. To the contrary, it is more that the SBC Executive Committee has to try to protect the local congregations from themselves and their messengers."

"The freedom of the local church and its members is being given away year by year by men who are either too immature or too fearful to manage their obligations in freedom and try to give it away to a giant denominational structure," he explained.

Allen warned preachers against letting business that ought to be handled by local churches, such as interpretation of the scriptures, to be "brought up for grabs by a majority vote of those who happen to be on the floor (of the convention) in the huddle between hamburgers every June."

"We can't run the church of Jesus Christ by majority vote on the floor in St. Louis or wherever," Allen charged.

Last year in St. Louis, the Southern Baptist Convention voted by a slim majority to ask the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to obtain a new writer for Volume I of the Broadman Bible Commentary on Genesis and Exodus because, the motion said, the board had not followed the actions of the Denver convention calling for a rewriting of the commentary "from a conservative point of view."

Allen did not, however, refer in his speech to the specific actions of the St. Louis and Denver Conventions other than by implication.

He said he would be "distressed if and when I see the denomination try to become 'the church' and place its constituents under their authority."

He added that "Baptist consensus is not authoritative." Allen said that every time Southern Baptists agonize over some act of regulation or debate the rules of fellowship and relationships, "I cannot help but think of the old observation that the last act of a dying organization is to publish a new and enlarged edition of the rule book."

"I don't want my denomination to die," he declared. "I don't even want to get sick."

Three Clerks Produce "Annuals Of Distinction"

Thirty-three associational clerks from Mississippi entered the 1971 Associational Annual Evaluation sponsored by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, and the state convention boards. A total of 546 clerks participated. Of these, 368 earned the highest ratings, "Outstanding Plus" or "Outstanding."

From Mississippi, three were honored as having produced an Annual of Distinction. They were J. Clifford Watson, Route 1, Ellisville, clerk of the Newton County Association; Mrs. James C. Harvey of Picayune, clerk of Pearl River Association; and Kenneth Forbus of Greenville, clerk of Washington Association.

Clerks receiving an "Outstanding Plus" rating were: Levi Ayers, Alcorn; Granville Myrick, Attala; Cecil Bufkin, George; Mrs. Davis Gardner, Jasper; Miss Lera Cowart, Lauderdale; Mrs. G. D. Williams, Lincoln; J. Clifford Watson, Newton; Mrs. Lyda Lee, Panola; Mrs. James C. Harvey, Pearl River; Rev. Gordon H. Sansing, Quitman County; Mrs. Ben Crawford, Jr., Riverside; Mrs. Fay Shiers, Warren; Kenneth Forbus, Washington; Mrs. O. C. Hicks, Winston; and Rev. James E. Justice, Zion.

Scottish Baptists Have "Impact '72" Conference

The Baptist Union of Scotland held a denominational conference at Edinburgh, April 7-9, with the theme, "Impact '72." Some student accommodations of the University of Edinburgh were used by the approximately 300 Baptists of all ages who came from all over Scotland to this special weekend.

Trustees Have Contributed Much To Village Heritage

Interested observers of Baptist child care in Mississippi maintain that the ability, integrity and dedication of Baptist pastors and laymen who have served the mission ministry to children and the family as trustees of The Baptist Children's Village have contributed as much to the heritage of this particular Baptist effort as any single group in Mississippi Baptist life. During 1972, and particularly during the month of May, the Village is commemorating its 75th or "diamond" anniversary, the first children admitted to the Baptist child care agency having been received in Jackson on May 12, 1897.

Village authorities point out that a mere listing of the names of hundreds of consecrated Baptists who have invested time, talent, energy and compassionate interest in the ministry of the Village through the 75 years of its history would involve space and time to an unreasonable degree. As a means of reminding all friends of the institution of the significance of the contribution made by trustees through these years, and the calibre and character of the ministers and lay people who have rendered this service, the current Village administration has called attention to the names of the individuals who presently direct Village affairs.

An instrument found among the land deed records of Hinds County, dated April 15, 1898 indicates that Rev. L. S. Foster, the charter superintendent of the child care agency conveyed the lands on Woodrow Wilson Drive in Jackson which constituted the home of the Village for so many years to a group of prominent Mississippians, described as "Trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage."

As reflected by Convention and Village records, the current Board of Trustees at the Children's Village consists of 15 men, nominated and elected by Mississippi Baptist Convention in accord with its charter and by-laws to terms of three years each. Presently serving the Village in this capacity are: Fred L. Gaddis of Forest, as President of the Board.

Mr. Gaddis is a prominent deacon, industrialist, and businessman. Ralph H. Hester, Sr. of Jackson, as vice-president and chairman of the Village's Executive Committee. Mr. Hester is a Baptist deacon, insurance executive, and businessman. Robert W. King of Jackson, as secretary of the Board and secretary of the Executive Committee. Mr. King is a deacon and a prominent, practicing attorney.

Other Village trustees currently serving are: T. Cooper Walton of Jackson, a deacon and an official of Farmers Home Administration; Rev. M. G. Reedy, pastor of First Church, Water Valley; Rev. Charles M. Conley, pastor of North McComb Church; Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor of Temple Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. William F. Evans, pastor of First Church, New Albany; Kelly Pyron of Natchez, a deacon and businessman; W. C. Cathey of Jackson, deacon and personnel official with Veterans Administration; Thomas A. Hollingsworth of Hollandale, deacon, planter and businessman; A. L. Rainey, Jr. of Gulfport, deacon and businessman; Jack H. Ewing of Jackson, deacon and practicing attorney; Dr.

J. V. Ferguson of Greenwood, deacon and practicing physician; and Lyle V. Corey of Meridian, deacon and practicing attorney.

Paul N. Nunnery, current superintendent at the Village, has explained that the Board of Trustees transacts its business and supervises the ministry of the Village in four regular, quarterly meetings each year, and according to Mr. Nunnery, attendance by Village trustees at these meetings computed annually, averages in excess of 90% of the membership of the Board. Village records indicate that the Board of Trustees has divided itself into committees, including an Executive Committee, a Finance Committee, a Property Committee, and a combined Personnel and Child Care Committee frequently meeting in called sessions between quarterly meetings of the full Board.

In commenting upon the experience of the current Village administration with pastors and lay people who have served as trustees since he assumed the superintendency on October, 1960, Nunnery said, "The Assignment of administration and staff in a Baptist child care mission effort is



Fred L. Gaddis, president of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Children's Village, joins Superintendent Paul N. Nunnery in the presentation of a plaque to Charles L. Miller of Jackson, retiring from the Village Board after four years of service as president.

difficult and demanding. However, the discharge of this assignment is literally filled with rewards, particularly those of a spiritual, moral and emotional nature. Among the highest and most satisfying privileges which I have enjoyed as superintendent is the continuing profit and pleasure of association and work with the selfless Christian men who have constituted our trustees across these years as we mark our 75th year of work with children and the family, we are reminded by helpful daily associations with our own Board of the signal contributions made by hundreds who have served the Village before them."

EL PASO — The Baptist Spanish Publishing House recorded 1971 net sales of \$401,309. This is a new high for the 66-year-old institution and represents a 1,000 per cent increase over sales reported in 1950, according to Southern Baptist missionary Roberta Ryan.

Total Mission Gifts Up 5.66%, Cooperative Program Up 1.33%

NASHVILLE (BP) — A big increase in designated giving and a slight increase in Cooperative Program contributions combined to end the first third of the year with a 5.66 per cent increase in total world mission gifts in the Southern Baptist Convention.

At the end of the first four months of the year, Southern Baptists had given \$29,374,732 to world missions through the Cooperative Program unified budget and through designated offerings and contributions to specific mission causes. It was an increase of \$1.5 million, or 5.66 per cent.

Cooperative Program unified budget giving was up slightly, 1.33 per cent of \$137,097 over Cooperative Program contributions for the same four month period in 1971.

By April 30, 1972, Southern Baptists had given \$10,455,956 through the Cooperative Program to support the work of their national denominational efforts.

During the same four months, however, Baptists had given \$18,918,776 in

designated contributions to specific mission causes. Designations were up \$1,436,339, or 8.22 per cent.

Included in the \$18.9 million in designated contributions was a record \$17.8 million given through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. (See separate story.)

The increase in Cooperative Program contributions was held to a 1.3 per cent increase partially because five state conventions did not send in their Cooperative Program checks for the month of April in time to be counted before the books closed April 28, explained SBC Executive Committee Financial Planning Secretary John H. Williams.

Thus the April Cooperative Program records will show no contributions from Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Oklahoma and West Virginia. Instead, their April gifts will be counted during May, Williams explained.

April Cooperative Program contributions totalled \$2.3 million, or \$18,867 less than was given in April of 1971. It was a decrease of .79 per cent.



Village trustees enjoy lunch at Mize Cottage during a recent Board meeting on the campus.

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Southern Baptists Look To Philadelphia

The time rapidly is approaching for the Southern Baptist Convention, and, as has been our custom through the years, we wish to comment concerning what can be expected. Ordinarily we have waited until the Pre-Convention issue for this, but several factors have led us to believe that we should discuss the matters now.

All Southern Baptist conventions are important, and most of them have some distinctive feature. This one will be distinctive in that it is meeting in the city which well may be considered the cradle of organized Baptist work in America, as well as the cradle of American liberty. It was in Philadelphia that American independence was born, and it was in the same city that old Philadelphia Association, the first Baptist denominational body in America, was formed in 1807.

However, significant business must be handled by the messengers and that is the real reason for the importance of this coming meeting.

New President

One business matter will be the election of a president to lead the convention for the next two years. Of course, presidents are elected for one year, but the custom has been to reelect a man for a second term.

Several names have been mentioned in the Baptist and secular press, as persons who probably will be nominated at the convention. Of course, there likely will be others also. Those whose names already have been mentioned are: Dr. John Bisagno, First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas; Dr. James Coggins, Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas; Mr. Owen Cooper, layman, Yazoo City, Miss.; Mr. Fred Rhodes, layman, Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Texas. We also have heard mention of Dr. James Wesberry, Atlanta; Dr. Landrum Leavell of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Dr. Winfred Moore of Amarillo, Texas. It is difficult at this time to sense whether the convention will turn to a layman, as it does every few years, or whether there again will be a call for leadership of an experienced pastor. It is impossible at this time to predict who the new president may be. Mississippians are, of course, pleased that one of their own leaders is among those being considered.

Bylaws

Some important constitutional matters will be considered by the convention, as a result of the parliamentary tangle which developed last year. In an effort to clear these up, two Bylaw changes and one new Bylaw are coming as recommendations of the Executive Committee. The proposals are as follows:

1. One recommendation calls for a change in Bylaw 12 so that a portion of that Bylaw which now reads "action thereon to be taken at a subsequent session of the Convention," be changed to read "action thereon to be taken at a subsequent session of that convention." The change is in the word that which insures that discussions of motions made at a convention, will not be delayed until another convention, but will be discussed at that convention. THIS BYLAW SHOULD PASS, SINCE IT SIMPLY CLEARS UP AN AMBIGUOUS STATEMENT.

2. Another recommendation calls for a change in Bylaw 16. Presently one section of it reads, "Any motion or resolution affecting any such agency or institution, which is not included in its printed report, shall when presented before the Convention, be referred to the Executive Committee or to such other committees as the Convention may direct." The change is in the opening words of this sentence which will then read, "Recommendations by an agency which are not included in the Book of Reports or Convention Bulletin shall be . . . The purpose is to make clear that the Bylaw applies only to recommendations made by an agency, not by messengers. THIS BYLAW SHOULD PASS, AGAIN IT IS CLARIFICATION OF AN AMBIGUOUS STATEMENT.

3. The third recommendation is to provide a new Bylaw 17, which we presume will include changing the numbers of all subsequent Bylaws. This new Bylaw is as follows:

17. Procedure for Motions of Messengers Concerning Agencies: Motions made by messengers dealing with internal operations or programs of an agency shall be referred to the elected board of the agency for consideration and report to the constituency and to the next annual session of the Convention for action with the exception that the Committee on Order of Business may be instructed by a two-thirds vote to arrange for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the same convention, subject to the provisions of Bylaw 12.

Bylaw 12 deals with recommendations BY an agency, while the proposed Bylaw 17 would deal with motions made by messengers ABOUT an agency.

WE SEE NO SERIOUS OBJECTION TO THE NEW BYLAW EXCEPT THAT WE BELIEVE THE WORDS "TWO-THIRDS VOTE" MIGHT WELL BE

CHANGED TO "MAJORITY" VOTE. IT IS OUR CONVICTION THAT IF A MAJORITY OF THE MESSENGERS DESIRE THAT A MATTER BE DISCUSSED, IT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED.

Other matters of "referral" from last year's convention, also will be considered. All of these are listed in the May, 1972 issue of *The Baptist Program*.

A Divisive Issue?

While many leaders had expressed hope that this would be a session without the divisive debate which has occurred in the past several sessions, it now appears that this hope may not be fulfilled. Announcement has been made through published materials which have been sent to editors and pastors, that a motion will be made to request the Sunday School Board to stop sale of *The Broadman Commentary*, and to

ed about the actions of the dissenting group. After all, these are Southern Baptists who love the convention just as much as do the rest of us. They are not anti-Southern Baptists who have slipped into our fellowship, with the purpose of destroying our convention. They have not listened to the appeals of independent voices to leave the denomination, but have stayed in because they are devoted to the convention and its work.

Their love for Southern Baptists, however, does not close their eyes to matters which concern them, or prevent their speaking out when they feel they should. One does not have to "rubber-stamp" everything leaders or institutions do in order to be a loyal Southern Baptist. There is such a thing as the "Loyal Opposition." They see trends in the convention which concern them, and they are taking the proper means of trying to correct it. They are speaking out, and making their concern known. They should not be classified as "trouble makers" but as fellow Baptists who have a right to hold the position they do. Once the convention has spoken on the issues involved, and they are settled, then those persons must make the decision of whether they will continue to cooperate. While they are in the convention, they have a right to speak and to be heard.

What Is Problem?

Why are such issues as the Commentary disturbing the convention? Why has there been continued unrest concerning some of the literature? Why have questions been raised concerning some of the seminaries, and why do new "independent" institutions which are Southern Baptist in their doctrinal position and loyalty, continue to appear?

One needs only to stop and think about Southern Baptist history to understand exactly why the unrest continues. Southern Baptists are not all alike, nor have they ever been. Nevertheless, through their history the great majority of their constituency have been theologically conservative. As far as the Bible and its message has been concerned, their preaching, their literature and the institutions, largely have been conservative. They have veered neither to the extreme right nor to the extreme left. Most Baptists want the denomination to stay right there. They do not want it to follow the dogmatism of extreme fundamentalism, but neither do they want it to move toward the camp of the liberals. Certainly they are determined that the convention shall not follow in the paths of so many denominations which have been taken over by the liberals. Because of this, when questionable issues arise, many Southern Baptists speak out.

Controversy is not something new for Southern Baptists. Walter Shurden in his recently published Broadman book, *Not A Silent People*, traces the various controversies which have disturbed Southern Baptists through their history. They have been people of opinions and convictions, and have not hesitated to make them known. Sometimes that has brought controversy. This has not divided Southern Baptists but has kept them as a united people. Moreover, it has kept extreme and false doctrines from gaining ascendancy in the convention. Freedom of debate and open discussion has kept Southern Baptists a free, yet united, people.

It is because of this that we are not disturbed when controversy arises on issues as vital as those disturbing the convention now. As long as men who love the convention and its work, who support the convention, and who speak the concerns of their hearts, are the ones raising the issues, they should be heard. No effort should be made to cut them off. Baptists can talk themselves together, but they will find it difficult to stay together in any other way. As we said at the beginning of this section, we doubt whether the proposed motion will carry, but we might be mistaken. We defend the right of messengers to raise such issues, and also the right of men both to defend and to oppose them. Perhaps the decision, whatever it may be, may be an indication to the Board as to what it should do about the controversial set, and as to its whole publishing policy.

Stay Through

There are many good things planned for the convention. The pre-convention meetings give promise of high spiritual experiences. Convention agencies will have time this year to make reports on their work. These should be heard with interest and concern. The historical pageant on Tuesday night, Billy Graham's appearance on Wednesday night and the Home and Foreign Mission hours on Thursday night, all give promise of rich blessing. We urge you to go early and stay through. Do not leave before the convention is finished. This is especially true this year when the mission program is the closing hour. Stay through and share in the whole program. The convention will be a better one, and you will be a better messenger because you do.



proceed with the development of a new commentary, written from a conservative point of view. This is certain to bring sharp debate during the convention. The announcements concerning the proposed motion have come from an organization known as the Fellowship of Conservative Southern Baptists, but the motion, evidently, will be made by the same pastor who made the motion concerning the Genesis volume two years ago, Rev. Gwin Turner, now of California, but formerly pastor of Bowmar Avenue Church in Vicksburg.

Some convention leaders are disturbed concerning this movement and this proposed motion, and we are sure there will be much more opposition expressed to it. Indeed, we see little possibility that the motion will pass, although the vote for it probably will be larger than many persons expect. The Commentary has come under fire in many quarters, and because of some of its content, never can be made acceptable to many Southern Baptists. It would appear that, in the light of the continued controversy the set arouses, it might be wise for the board quietly to let it go out of print when the present printing is exhausted, and thus stop the controversy once for all. Of course, this, too, would be displeasing to many persons, but such action may be better than having the issue continue as a problem in our fellowship. And, after all, it would not be the first set of commentaries the board has allowed to go out of print. Of course, this is a matter which the board itself must decide. Even should a vote favor withdrawal of the present set we definitely question any kind of move at this time to develop a new commentary set to take its place. Furthermore, Broadman already has announced the forthcoming publication of a one-volume conservative commentary.

Not Disturbed

We are not, however, unduly disturbed.

NEWEST BOOKS

SALESMANSHIP FOR CHRIST by Ernie "Tex" Prichard (Broadman, 155 pp., \$4.50) The author is a professional salesman, presently the regional manager for one of the largest sales programs in the world. In this book he discusses how to use sales techniques in witness for Christ. He discusses qualifying, human behavior, preparing ourselves to sell, presenting the product, overcoming objections and closing, and finally the follow-up. His last chapter is on self-motivation. Here are practical truths from a successful layman who believes that principles of business can be put into practice in his church. This an important addition to the numerous splendid books on witnessing which now are coming from the press.

A FAULTY OF STARS by Franklin M. Segler (Broadman, 128 pp., \$1.50) Another volume in the Broadman Readers Plan. The bookstore edition is an Inner Circle Book. Brief devotional messages based upon Scripture passages which appear gleams of hope for a time of despair. The pages are rich in illustration and poetry expressing joy in God's wonderful promises. There are 25 of the messages and they deal with problems and pressures which come to the author's interpretation and application will bring blessing to many readers.



Explains the Beginning

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Loyalty To God, To The Church, And To The Pastor

Dear Editor:

My heart has a heavy burden. It seems the favorite topic of conversation among some of our church members is the faults and shortcomings of our pastor. These people undoubtedly think they don't have any faults. I say there is not a preacher, Sunday school teacher, deacon, Christian or anyone else that doesn't have faults. And none of us will be perfect till Christ comes and adorns us in that white robe and that means you, me, the preacher and everybody else.

Those without sin let them cast the first stones. There seems to be a lot of stone throwing. My husband has a whole pile of faults, but I love him just the same, and I believe he feels the same way about me. Jesus still loves us people who have a whole bunch of faults and I think in turn we should love our neighbor, our friends, our pastor, etc. even if they do have faults.

My goodness, if we can't show a little loyalty to our church, and to our pastor, how can we expect to win a lost soul to Christ? If some lost soul does hear some of the conversation that I hear about things concerning our church, pastor, etc. I think he would be definitely turned off.

According to some of our church members, we got a lemon for a pastor, before we got this pastor, and now according to their criticizing or gossiping we got another lemon. Well, I don't believe it; I don't believe God would send us two lemons in a row. Instead of these being anything seriously wrong with our pastor, I think there is something serious wrong with some of church members. And there is something wrong with the rest of us that won't speak up in his defense.

We must all be of one accord or we will never amount to a drop in the bucket, for the cause of the Kingdom. I see this and I know what will probably happen. What can the rest of the Christians do that love their church and want to see it go forward? We must pray and seek God's will and not be afraid to stand up and be counted.

(Ordinarily we cast anonymous letters in the waste-basket. This one, however, has such a heart appeal that we have chosen to use it.—EDITOR)

On The MORAL SCENE...

Hymns for Ecology — Now that the churches have started stressing the urgency of taking care of Mother Earth, they want some songs to sing about it. The lyrics are needed as part of the religious efforts to "rebuild man's attitudes about protecting the environment," said Anastasia Van Burkalow of the Hymn Society of America, a geology professor and organist. She added: "We need to be reminded that the good gifts of the earth come to us from God, the Creator, to whom we should give thanks, and that we hold them in our possession not as outright owners but as stewards. We are responsible for their preservation and even for their enhancement because of the power He has given us to be co-creators with Him." However, the preachers about it need some musical reinforcement. In the view of the Hymn Society, which has issued an appeal to church people to submit hymns, hymn-prayers and hymn verses on the subject. The interdenominational society, which seeks to improve standards of church hymnody and encourage production of contemporary hymns, asks that entries be sent to its New York headquarters at 475 Riverside Drive by the end of May. "While ecology is a relatively new emphasis for the preacher and the congregation, for the teacher and the class, it is vital for the survival of mankind," the society says in starting its search



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

My World—My Home

An important principle of interior decoration is to inventory what you have, evaluate it, see what is harmonious enough to keep and discordant enough to be removed. Every item must be valued for its actual worth, not just because it is liked or disliked.

It is often quite necessary for me, as a Christian woman, intent upon the interior decoration of the people in my home, to inventory the home, to see what needs to stay and needs to go. Anything that causes discord needs to go. Many times the discord comes from me—not from one of the other people—and I must remove it.

How dare I speak to others verbally about Christ if my family cannot see in me, without being told, the character I desire others to come to Christ to find?

How shall I expect Christian unselfishness from others if my husband must pander and pet me to keep me in good humor?

How shall I teach the principle of Christian sharing if I demand more from him materially than his income can reasonably provide?

How shall I teach Christian courtesy if my behavior to my family is lacking in kindness I extend even to virtual strangers?

How shall I instill the principle of Christian decency if I fail to recognize, nurture, and encourage the worth of every individual in my family?

How shall I promote the dignity of every human being if I do not treat with consistent respect those with whom I live?

How shall I teach security of eternal salvation in God's love if my own love has been unstable and necessary to be bribed?

How shall my work for Christ outside my home seem to my family if Christ makes no difference in my patience, understanding, and love at home?

My home, to be truly Christian, must accept the Great Commission — to leave my world and go into yours for the sake of the gospel. How shall my world—my home—extend itself around the world as Christ desires? Consider this with me next week.

For new hymns. Fundamentally, it is a "religious problem," the society adds, and appropriate hymns are needed that "will speak to God and will also move men to action." (By George W. Cornell (AP), The Louisville Times, 4-27-72)

While God is moving to do something for man, it is through Jesus Christ, and he is central in all that we find in both the Old and New Testaments. — Joe Odle in *Is Christ Coming Soon?*, a Broadman book

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American Baptists End Historic Meeting

DENVER, Colo. — (ABNS) — In a historic 65th annual session, the American Baptist Convention overwhelmingly approved a major restructuring of the denomination's administration and polity.

After some six hours of generally friendly but often sharply worded discussions, the delegates adopted the recommendations of the Study Commission on Denominational Structure (SCODS) by a vote of 1844 to 113.

Among the major changes which will become effective on January 1, 1973, are the change of the denomination's name from American Baptist Convention to "American Baptist Churches in the U. S. A." creation of a 200-member general board to replace the smaller and general council, and replacement of the denomination's annual conventions with biennial meetings.

The move to biennial meetings, originally recommended in the SCODS report, narrowly escaped passage of an amendment intended to retain annual conventions. The amendment to retain annual conventions was defeated by a vote of 1101 to 1385. A proposed amendment to provide for representation of 50 percent women on the general board was decisively defeated by a vote of 297 to 2577.

The SCODS recommendations were amended to provide for the rotation of the election of the president of the convention between clergy (men and women in professional church leadership) and laity without regard to race or sex. The original SCODS report called for the rotation of the presidency among men, women, blacks and other minority groups.

In another significant action, the delegates elected the Rev. Dr. Robert C. Campbell, professor of New Testament and dean of the American Baptist Seminary of the West at Covina, California, as the denomination's gen-

eral secretary. Under the approved SCODS reorganization, Dr. Campbell will have greater authority than any of his predecessors. In the briefest acknowledgement speech in Baptist history, Campbell said, "Thank you, I think."

Campbell will succeed the Rev. Dr. Frank E. Johnston as general secretary on August 1. Johnston had held the position for two years.

The Rev. Dr. Gene E. Bartlett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newton Centre, Mass., and former president of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, was elected president of the convention during the Denver meeting. A widely known educator

and clergyman, Bartlett's term of office will be extended until January 1, 1973, when his successor under the SCODS system will take over.

The American Baptists, historically an evangelical denomination, warmly approved a resolution calling for a "new ecumenism as represented in key 73, a year of evangelism." The Rev. Dr. L. Doward McBain of Phoenix, Ariz., chairman of the American Baptist Key 73 planning committee, described the program as "the widest cooperative venture in the history of the church on this continent." Indorsing the evangelical venture, the American Baptist Home Mission Societies presented Evangelist Oral Roberts as their speaker at the evangelism luncheon, one of the best attended meal functions of the week.

As other resolutions were presented to the delegates, sharp debate arose on the subject of peace. Earlier, Mrs. Marcus Rohlfis of Seattle, Wash., president of the Convention, sent a telegram to President Nixon expressing her concern "over the recent escalation of American participation in Vietnam." The resolutions committee recommended to the delegates a "perfecting amendment" of their strongly worded statement against the American escalation of the war, but the amendment failed by a narrow margin.

VI. Mississippi College Commitment Campaign

Immortality Of A Gift

By Chester Swor

Perhaps you have heard of the philanthropic Texan who gave a large gift to one of the church-related colleges of his state just prior to the Great Depression of the 1930's. As that depression proceeded, the man lost his entire fortune. Then someone asked him, "Do you wish that you had that large gift back in hand now?" His immediate and enthusiastic reply was essentially this: "No, indeed! If I had not given that gift, that money would have been lost, also. Now it is secure to continue to help a fine college through all the future. That is the only money I did not lose!"

Money given to Mississippi College in the significant Commitment Capital Funds Campaign

could be your immortal investment in a truly wonderful college; for, regardless of what turns your personal finances may take in the future, the gift which you make to this undertaking will go on living and serving — even after your life here has concluded.

For instance: think of the century-plus usefulness of our historic Provine Chapel, made possible by gifts of other friends of the college more than a hundred years ago. Their gifts live on through a building in whose halls multiple thousands of men and women have received life — determining inspiration and life — strengthening instruction. Their gifts are immortal, and so can our gifts to the current financial campaign become!

Mrs. Florence Harris' Father Included

Kentucky Baptists Unveil Portraits Of Former Leaders

On May 1, 1972, the Kentucky Baptist Convention held a Board meeting on which day a banquet was served to the members and invited guests, and a presentation made of the portraits of two former state Baptist executive secretaries. One of the portraits unveiled was of Dr. W. D. Powell, father of Mrs. H. M. (Florence Powell) Harris of Clinton, Miss. Mrs. Harris, who was for many years a missionary to China, was a guest at the banquet.

When the Kentucky Baptist Convention Board decided to honor these former Baptist state secretaries by hanging their portraits in the Kentucky Baptist Building, at Middletown, Ky., they did not know where to locate relatives or photographs of some of them.

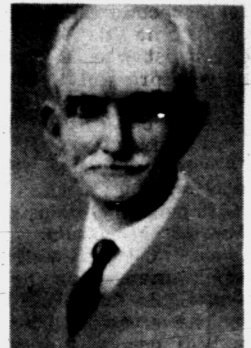
It had been 56 years since Dr. Powell had been chief executive of the state and he had left no available photographs of himself. Several members of the office staff looked through boxes of old Western Records, Kentucky's Baptist paper, for pictures of the former secretaries, and finally found one tiny black and white picture of Dr. Powell. This slip of paper (a most unusual find) was sent to Europe and an artist in France enlarged it to life size, then reproduced it in an oil portrait. The result was a remarkable picture of Mrs. Harris' father.

The Kentucky Baptist Board wanted representative relatives of the former secretaries to be present at the

unveiling of the portraits. Dr. Harold S. Sanders, the present Kentucky executive secretary, scanned the Louisville telephone directory, looking at the long, long list of Powells, not knowing which one to call. Mrs. Harris says, "God is and always has been a present help in time of need. Dr. Sanders decided to call up a Mrs. Paul Powell, in hope that she could throw some light on the descendants of Dr. W. D. Powell. It so happened that there were two Paul Powells on that page, but it must have been divine guidance that was with him, for the Mrs. Paul Powell that he called knew all the children of William David Powell and had their addresses, for she was a widowed daughter-in-law of the man in question."

Thus Mrs. Florence Harris received an invitation to represent her father at the banquet and the presentation of her father's portrait. She was asked to give a response to one of the speeches. In her brief talk she recalled how diligently her father, a dedicated, mission-minded man, had worked all over the state of Kentucky. She said, "He was loved by both black and white Baptists, and was invited at times to preach in the Negro churches. On one such occasion the black pastor introduced him to his congregation somewhat on this order, 'People, today we have my friend, Dr. Powell, to preach of for us. He has a white face, but I know his heart is black!'"

Mrs. Harris added, "I am sure my father had a multicolored heart, for there was a tan spot on it for the



Dr. W. D. Powell

Mexican people. He was a pioneer missionary to Mexico, serving there from 1882 to 1888. Then surely he had a yellow place on his heart for the Chinese among whom his daughter, Florence, was laboring."

From 1886 to 1916, travel in Kentucky was by train or streetcar for there were no cars and buses. When Dr. Powell had to meet appointments not on the railroad, if not met in a buggy or wagon at the station, he would hire a horse or mule to ride. One picture Mrs. Harris cherished of her father was one of the handsome young man riding on a well-groomed mule.

Dr. Powell's zeal in the Lord's work and his love for people made him a much-loved and sought after executive. He dedicated 734 churches and was a master in his ability to raise money for missions. In 1934 and 1935 he was listed in Who's Who (Vol. 18). (Dr. Broadus called him "an apostle to Mexico.") Dr. Powell died in 1934 at Opelika, Alabama.

Music Ministries Of N. O. Seminary To Offer Performance Awards

The Division of Church Music Ministries at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has announced that performance awards in the amount of \$100 per year are available to students pursuing the Master of Church Music degree.

The awards are given in recognition of demonstrated achievement in performance in various areas, including conducting, and are used to waive major applied music fees for one year.

To apply, the student must: (1) be approved for admission to the seminary for study leading to the Master of Church Music degree; (2) submit an application form which includes biographical and professional information, repertoire listings, and the approval of the undergraduate major applied music teacher and department chairman; and (3) submit a performance tape of at least three representative tapes. (All tapes will be returned.)

Applications should be submitted no later than June 1, 1972. Those selected to receive awards will be notified by June 15, 1972.

For further information, or to request application forms, contact: Dr. William L. Hooper, Chairman, Division of Church Music Ministries, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70126.



State Royal Ambassador Camps Are Planned For July And August

Hundreds of boys from across Mississippi will be engaged in missionary education, mission action and mission support when they begin attending state Royal Ambassador camps during July and August. Please find dates and places listed below:

Sardis Lake 4-H Club Camp, Sardis, Miss., July 10-14, July 17-21, July 24-28. Paul Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg, Miss., July 21 - August 4, August 7-11, August 14-18.

The total cost is \$23.00. Camp is open to boys 9-17 years of age. Each boy must preregister. A \$5.00 registration fee should accompany each boy's name. The registration is a part of the total cost. You may check with your pastor, Brotherhood director, or Royal Ambassador leader for camp information and registration forms. If additional information is desired you may contact Paul Harrell, Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

"The Lament Of The Cherokee Nation"

By Larry Bryson

What's so special about a community of 5,000 permanent residents located in the mountains of western North Carolina?

If that community is Cherokee, it is a very special place.

Cherokee is located in the heart of the 56,000 acre Cherokee Indian Reservation. A popular tourist attraction, Cherokee's population explodes beginning on Easter weekend and continuing through the "falling of the leaves" in early November.

"Walls With Ears"

Several years ago a young pastor was talking with two teen-agers in a hospital room. As he shared Christ with these young men he was not aware that an electrician working inside a nearby wall was listening too!

Question after question came from the teens, and as the pastor opened more of God's truths in answer, the electrician thought, "These are the questions I need answered too!" He had an urge to stop the pastor and talk but decided against it, noting instead where the young minister's church was located.

For months the electrician sought answers to his questions. He went from church to church... searching day in and day out. Finally he convinced his wife they should drive the several miles to the church where the "hospital minister" pastored.

So much time has passed, however, that this pastor had moved into another place of service. Another dead end they thought. But, the new pastor helped them... and family members had recently accepted Christ! Things were picking up.

One Sunday night the electrician and his wife visited church with their relatives. Lo and behold they bumped right into the pastor they had been looking for. A few nights later, he was able to share Christ with them and the Holy Spirit reached both in conversion experiences.

So many times we wonder where to witness... or if certain ministries really are worth the time. Perhaps it will challenge us all to know that even walls often have ears and if we are faithful to share Christ everywhere we go... God insures that some will hear, receive, and be changed. — Metropolitan New York Baptist Bulletin

Visitors coming to Cherokee each year equal the people who live in Atlanta (1.4 million), Dallas (1.5 million), Miami (1.2 million) Birmingham (800,000), Louisville, (800,000), and Nashville (500,000), a total of seven million. The number is also equivalent to the population of the mountain states of Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho.

With a permanent residency of 5,000 increasing to seven million during the year, how does a church meet the challenge of the community and the thousands of tourists, at the same time. Missionary Roy Cantrell, pastor of the Cherokee Baptist Church, is leading an effective ministry to the area.

—The Cherokee Indian ministry under Cantrell's direction conducts:

—Two worship services on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

—Sunday School classes under the direction of summer missionary Will Harper and local youth at campgrounds.

—Sunday afternoon services at Frontierland, an amusement park.

—Regular Sunday evening activities.

—Organized recreational programs for youth on the Reservation.

—A child care center (sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the HMB) for working mothers.

—Special musical programs by visiting youth choirs and a summer mission ministry team.

—There are seventeen churches who are members of the Cherokee Indian

Association. These churches conduct regular Sunday services and other activities to meet the needs of the community. The Indian Association also elected two Indian missionaries who assist the smaller Indian churches.

Concord Homecoming

Concord Church, Franklin County, will observe homecoming May 28 with dinner on the grounds after the 11 a. m. service. Rev. N. B. Saucier will be the guest speaker. Homer Case will be in charge of the song service. "The afternoon service will be devoted to the cemetery program," according to Rev. Ronald Hazlett, pastor.

Southwesterners To Meet In Philadelphia June 7

FORT WORTH, Tex. — The annual luncheon planned by the Alumni Association of Southwestern Seminary is scheduled for Wednesday, June 7 immediately following the morning session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia.

Tickets are still available and may be ordered by writing to John Seelig, P. O. Box 22000, Fort Worth, Texas, 76122. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

HEBREW CHRISTIANS in U. S. number 50 to 100,000. Estimated 5,000 live in metropolitan New York. (Source: Dr. Daniel Fuchs, general secretary, American Board of Missions to the Jews, New York.)

"The Phoenix"-Rising New Ministry

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steering committee of his church has given him a tentative okay to allow him more time for his music ministry.

The "Bridge" song which "The Phoenix" often includes in a performance, is used to show the relationship between man and Christ. They play "Me and Bobby McGee" along with Paul Stookey's "Wedding Song" to contrast two different kinds of love.

A typical show would be based around the song "Games People Play." They sing the song, then, in other songs and in dialogue, they tell of the games people play, such as taking drugs, playing with sex, and running away.

In area high schools they are usually given a rap room for the day where they can counsel with students.

The Southern Baptist policy of appointing wives to be missionaries along with their husbands is not just a matter of semantics. Mary Joy

Scott is also a missionary in the fullest sense.

To be a voting member of Gateway Baptist Church, each person must participate in a ministry. Mary Joy, mother of three girls, ages 9, 7, and 4, is group ministries coordinator — in charge of Christian social ministries. She also teaches religion at Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

Stockton's US-2 term will be up in August of this year. He said that he was engaged to be married this fall and hopes to continue working with "The Phoenix."

Ridgecrest Assembly Offers Doctors Vacation Service Opportunity

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Medical doctors are needed to volunteer for a combination vacation and Christian service opportunity at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly this year.

According to Ken McAnear, manager of the Southern Baptist nationwide assembly, an effort is made to have two doctors each week who would like to attend conferences and provide

medical service on a rotating schedule.

The assembly offers doctors who will volunteer for one or more weeks the use of an apartment and dining hall privileges for his family. Working

hours are spent in a clinic staffed with registered nurses.

Interested doctors may write to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, P. O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770.





Bobby Young and Charles Ernest



Christine Wright and James Earl Young



Kathy Young and Jo Laurin McDonald



Linda Gail Hester and Lorraine Miller

Literacy Program Means Fulfillment To Teens

Today's Youth

Baptist Student Work, Guam: Open Door In The Pacific

By Tim Rayborn

"How many should we expect tonight?" asked my wife. "I want to make sure that we have enough refreshments for all who come."

After some careful consideration I gave her a very specific answer. "Anywhere from two to 100." I wasn't trying to be funny. It was just our first time to go to the girls' dorm at the University of Guam to show a religious film, and we didn't really know what to expect. This night was to be the beginning of Baptist student work on Guam.

Nancy and I had been assigned as missionary journeymen to Malaysia, but continued visa difficulty made it necessary to be re-assigned to Guam where our primary work was to be with the students at the University.

Desperate needs for an interim pastor at Marianas Baptist Church delayed our beginning for a few months, but finally after getting in the groove we were able to proceed with plans for the student work as well as with the church work. Our initial contacts were very meager. We had a long way to go.

Through Randall Thelford, one of our missionaries, we were able to meet one or two of the faculty members. They in turn introduced us to the director of activities for the university, Fred Strache, whose help proved to be indispensable.

Strache was eager to help us to organize as a student group so that we would have the run of the campus. He outlined the procedure that we would have to follow and gave us his practical opinion on many matters. So we proceeded to make a student contact and feel out the need for a new religious group on campus.

Again, through contacts, we were able to meet Lauren Dupanon, a freshman who was living in the dormitory and who was well liked and very popular on campus. Her interest was very encouraging. We had a nucleus on which to build.

Lauren agreed to help and within one week had found seven students who would be willing to be charter members of the Student Bible Fellowship (the name of our new organization). Slowly but surely things were falling into place and it seemed evident that Baptist student work was going to be a reality.

After a couple of weeks of further organizational activity, including the drawing up of a constitution and the election of officers, we were able to submit our newly formed organization to the Student Body Association for approval, the final step in being recognized as a legitimate student organization.

We were given permission to go ahead and have religious films in the lobby of the girls' dorm since we were developing organization. Doors were really opening!

So it was that on Feb. 9, 1972, Nancy asked how many to expect as we prepared to go for our first film showing. We would just have to wait and see. Encouragement came as we saw 17 students come into the room and watch the film and listen to our explanations about the Student Bible Fellowship.

A good beginning, but there was more to come! After the film and refreshments the members of the group wanted to know if it would be possible to have a Bible study after the film each week, beginning the next week. We didn't have to ask — they were hungry for the Word of God.

As the Student Bible Fellowship continues to struggle through the pains of maturity, we certainly need the prayers of concerned Christians. No, we didn't have 100; but we did have more than two and open doors through which to walk to further growth.

Note: Timothy Rayborn grew up around Jayess, Miss., and was graduated from high school in Monticello and from William Carey College, Hattiesburg. He was youth director and associate pastor at Monticello Baptist Church at the time of his acceptance into the Missionary Journeyman Program in 1971. Mrs. Rayborn is the former Nancy Goff, daughter of the Rev. Ernest L. Goff of Hattiesburg. She also was graduated from William Carey College.

By Mrs. Gay Collins, Hattiesburg
Where are the kids today? If they're "in tune" with the philosophy of building a better world through caring for others, they just might be involved in a local program where college boys and girls help train less fortunate children.

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon concerned teenagers meet in First Baptist Church Hattiesburg, to await the arrival of a busload of elementary school students.

"You'll hear them when they come," one volunteer said. He was right. Soon the building was filled with the happy, excited scurrying of "togetherness." The children's anxious eyes took on a sparkle as each youngster linked hands with that special teaching partner who had come just for him. Severe disappointment washed across the face of the one whose teacher was at home, sick.

Miss Betty Jo Lacy, director of youth at First Baptist Church, explained, "We worked with the Salvation Army to start the Literacy Program four years ago out of a desire to fulfill a great need in Hattiesburg. Our aim is to help culturally disadvantaged children develop the skills they need to keep them interested in school. We try to help each child combat any learning disability: reading, math, phonics, visual perception, comprehension, and gain knowledge of the world about him."

When they go to "college," as the children call it, they have learned to expect almost anything. There is always a session where the child is helped on an individual basis with his learning disability. But sprinkled liberally in between these work sessions are programs designed to give him a variety of experiences.

There have been field trips to the Christmas parade, the park, bank, laundry, fire station, Coca-Cola bottling company, Sunbeam Bakery and nature walks. Especially trained

workers are brought in to teach them arts, crafts, music, health and safety. Nourishing snacks are provided.

Young eyes twinkled as Miss Margie Sands strummed her guitar and sang. Timid little hands went out to touch a guitar for the first time.

Is there evidence that this program is helping? "Oh, yes!" answered Miss Janie Allen, the Director of the Literacy Program. "Several teachers and the principal have told me that they could see an improvement."

"We don't have education majors to work with, nor a lot of time to plan, nor the materials and machines the schools have. Nevertheless, we're seeing a great change in not only the fundamental skills, but in the areas of security and motivation. This program works on a one-to-one basis, one child to each volunteer, and we see children develop in many areas."

One such child who came to the program was very withdrawn, slow responding to love. But with coaxing she continued to come and soon came to learn how very much she was loved. Where she had medical problems, help was obtained from some very fine and generous doctors. When she needed clothing, it was provided. And when she needed love outside her family, it, too, was there in abundance. In thankfulness, her mother has marveled over the change that has come about.

She's still a quiet child, but amazed Miss Lacy one day by throwing her arms around her and exclaiming, "I just love you!"

Mrs. Liz Stevens, the assistant director of the program, had high praise for the volunteer workers. "These college students have different philosophies of religion, but all seem led by Christ to do this work."

"The common denominator seems to be that each one has a love of humanity, a compassion and a deep sense of responsibility for his fellow man. New workers often come out of academic motives but this soon becomes secondary. Here's a child in need and as the teen establishes a rapport with him, all of his talents become involved. He has something more than teaching to give; he gives himself out of love."

The workers' motto pretty well echoes those thoughts: "The greatest good we can do for others is not just to share our riches with them, but to reveal their riches to themselves."

The discipline of the volunteers is great. They are required to attend three hourly sessions each week, and are urged never to disappoint "their child" by missing a session. One session helps the volunteer work out lesson plans to fit the special needs of his child.



Unusual Graduation Gift

NASHVILLE—Mary Sue Price (center) of Miami, Okla., is shown in the 'midst' of the high school graduation gift she requested from her parents—a visit to the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. Having gained an interest in church vocations through attending vocational guidance "leaderlab" at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly for two years, Mary Sue wanted to see the types of denominational work available beginning her college career. Also pictured are Mrs. Alice Magill, vocational guidance specialist, and Leonard E. Wedel, director of personnel, who provided her a copy of his recent Broadman book, "So You Want a Job."



In Hall Of Fame

Receiving the highest honor possible, these four students were inducted into the Mississippi College Hall of Fame during the recent Honors Day program at the college. Seated front are Cleve Morton, Indianola, and Miss Gayle Long, Tupelo, while standing are Miss Beth Farmer, Pascagoula, and Jimmy Lewis, Kosciusko. They are featured in a special section of the 1972 TRIBESMAN, the college yearbook, and their pictures will be hung in the Hall of Fame Room in the B. C. Rogers Student Center. (M. C. Photo by Bill Strange)



Miss, Mr. Carey

Named Mr. and Miss William Carey College for 1972 by their fellow students this week at annual Honor's Day ceremonies were Bill Rennick, senior Bible major from Petal, and Miriam Moss, senior music major from Moss. Miss Moss also won the Outstanding Senior Music Award during the honor's program. Mr. Rennick is president of the Carey BSU for this year.

Those who go against the grain of God's laws shouldn't complain when they get splinters.



Belzoni Girls Entertain Mothers

The 11-12 year old Girls-In-Action group of First Church, Belzoni, recently entertained with a Mother-Daughter Tea. Pictured above are: seated, Deborah Kilpatrick, Marcie Homod, Sylvia Beekham, Liza Wolfe. And standing are, Amy Wooton, Paula McClure, and their leaders Mrs. Paul Townsend, III and Mrs. Tommy Arlander. On display were the many projects completed in their Mission Adventure steps. Rev. Jasper Neel is pastor.

POWERLINE LIFELIGHT FOR TEENS

Never Too Late For Braces

Dear Powerline:

My problem is that I have crooked teeth. I am sixteen, a junior and in the near future I would like to become a model or airline stewardess. I would like to know if at this age would you advise me to get braces? I went to an orthodontist and he said they would have to stay on for a year and a half. I am very self-conscious about my teeth now, always thinking that everyone is staring at them. I can't even talk to a boy without trying to hide them. I won't even date because I think when the boy sees my teeth he won't like me.

My family is against it. But they say if I want them I have to pay for them. I am willing to pay the money. But I am now uncertain if I should get them. Do boys like girls with braces? Would you say it is too late for me to get them, now at my age? Thank you for helping me.

I am not an expert in the field of orthodontia but my answer is yes, by all means, get braces at any cost and whatever time. How could you possibly consider going through life hiding behind what you think is an ugly feature? It would not be conducive to emotional health no matter what others thought about it. What difference does it make as to how long it takes? It is my impression that it is not too late at your age. Anyhow, when a boy sees you with braces, he automatically knows that you are correcting a problem which in no sense was your own fault. Moreover, as you wear the braces you will feel more relief than shame, as you indeed should. You will have made a start on an important project and you will begin to get emotional results soon.

"The Phoenix"—New Ministry Rising

PITTSBURGH — Two young men with a guitar stepped in front of 200 students at Cumberland College at Williamsburg, Ky., in an improvised coffeehouse and began singing "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

It wasn't Simon and Garfunkle — it was Scott and Stockton, two Southern Baptist missionaries plying their ministry.

Frank Scott and Ed Stockton have been performing with their two-man band, "The Phoenix," out of Pittsburgh, Pa. for a year using popular songs as a witnessing tool.

"I don't see how two men and an electrified twelve-string guitar can be accepted as we are," said Scott. And accepted they are, with over 90 shows in high schools and colleges behind them, they find themselves pressed for time to perform more.

Scott, originally from Syracuse, N. Y., and his wife Mary Joy were commissioned Southern Baptist missionaries April 23 along with 30 others. "To be a Yankee appointed a Southern Baptist missionary in a heavy thing," said Scott.

For the past six years he has been pastor of Gateway Baptist Church in the inner city of Pittsburgh. As a missionary he will continue his duties there.

Ed Stockton is campus minister at the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie-Mellon University. Neither man has much spare time for performing.

Said Scott, "I've used up all my re-

vival time and last year I used all my vacation time for the shows." The (Continued on page 5)

Plymouth Awakening Begins With Teen-Led Revival

"Plymouth Church, Columbus is experiencing one of the greatest spiritual awakenings here in years, reports Rev. Clyde Wroten, pastor.

It began in a "teen-led" revival May 3-7 with two high school boys leading. Charlie Bennett, 16, was the evangelist and Robert Gillis, 18, directed the music. Both are members of Fairview Church, Columbus.

There were 35 decisions all total; with 20 professions made public in the services, three dedications to definite Christian service, 10 rededications, three professions not yet made public in the church. A large crowd for prayer meeting and the monthly business meeting shared their blessings in a spiritual testimony service.

The church extended a call to Robert Gillis to become minister of music and youth. A social was given in honor of the graduating seniors who are members of the church.

"This spiritual awakening began among the teen-agers and is catching on in a great way among the adults. It is a 'miracle!' declared Pastor Wroten.

Ridgecrest Offers Volunteer Christian Service Program

RIDGECREST, N. C. — College student positions are still available for a revised volunteer Christian service program to begin at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly this summer, according to Ken McAnear, manager. The program will continue to offer the opportunity of serving Christ through serving others — which has been a trademark through the years, said McAnear. The new program will include special curriculum studies in areas of Christian growth and development; increased opportunities for Bible studies and worship activities; and intermural activities between

staff teams in athletics, music, drama and other activities.

Each volunteer staffer will be required to spend 40 hours each week in direct service to the guests of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in assigned work position, he said. Other volunteer service in the areas of musical and dramatic performances, entertaining and welcoming will be available. The program will be geared to allow full participation by all staffers.

McAnear noted that outstanding denomination personalities will speak and teach at staff meetings and that theme parties are scheduled weekly. Each volunteer will be given room and board and will receive in addition tips, love offerings and allowances that will average approximately \$10 - \$12 a week.

The program will be from June 4 through Sept. 4 for 375 students and 40 adults. Dan Sheffield, a student working toward a doctoral degree at the University of Oklahoma, will be staff activities director, assisted by capable young men in the areas of music and drama.

Vacancies are available for students who have completed one or more years of college. Students who cannot spend the entire summer, but who can work the entire month of August are also invited to apply. Interested persons may write to Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, P. O. Box 128, Ridgecrest, North Carolina 28770.

A Page At The SBC

David Grant, Jr. a 15-year-old Royal Ambassador from Jackson, will represent Mississippi Royal Ambassadors as one of 20 pages at the Southern Baptist Convention.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. David R. Grant of Jackson, David will assist Southern Baptist officials June 6-9 at the convention in Philadelphia by delivering messages and helping with convention registration

an emergency message center, and convention information booth. David is a member of the Harry A. Goble chapter at Broadmoor Church, Jackson.



The Church's Teaching Ministry Essential To Growth

By Clifton J. Allen

Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Timothy 4:6-16; 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:10-17

The church which we confront in the New Testament was a teaching church. It had its supreme example in the life and work of Jesus during the days of his flesh. He gave his time and energy more to teaching than to any other single aspect of his ministry. At the end of his work on earth, he made the teaching ministry of the church central in the Great Commission given to his followers.



They were to make disciples or learners and to keep on teaching them all that he commanded. In the work of the apostles and in the experience of the early church, the central place of teaching to interpret the gospel and to nurture believers is clearly seen. Our lesson draws chiefly on Paul's letters to Timothy, in which Paul challenges his young associate to magnify his teaching ministry as essential to growth and service on the part of the followers of Christ.

The Lesson Explained TEACHING FOR GROWTH (1 Tim. 4:6-10)

Christians must be nurtured by being taught the truths of the gospel—in other words, the truth of the biblical revelation. They need an under-

standing of the doctrines set forth in the Bible as a means to vital faith in God through Christ and faithful living in a continuing experience of growth toward maturity. Such teaching fortifies Christians against error, godless perversions of the truth, and causes them to aspire to godliness. Training in Christian character is the very heart of Christian growth. Thus Christians are encouraged to put first things first, renounce wickedness, and strive for holiness, live in reverence and obedience before God, strive to achieve moral excellence through the strength of Christ, and seek to be well pleasing to the Lord. There is no substitute for this teaching if Christians are to have their hope set in the living God and if they

are to keep on growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ.

TRAINING FOR MINISTRY (1 Tim. 4:11-16)

The exhortation to command and teach certain things emphasizes the authority of the Scriptures, also the authority of Christ and his lordship over the whole of life. We become the medium of this authority best, however, by becoming examples of Christ, particularly in word and conduct and love and faith and purity. All these are essential qualities which Christians should cultivate if they are to be effective in the service of Christ. Christians should not be novices in the faith; they should be con-

vincing examples and qualified witnesses for their faith.

Training will come through many media. Paul challenged Timothy to give attention to reading, probably meaning the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation or preaching, and to teaching. Training for service in the name of Christ must draw on all resources for educational development and also prepare Christians for activity in all areas of helpfulness to others. Training in worship, training in witnessing, training in depth understanding of the gospel, and training in skills of helpful service to others. Training in worship, training in witnessing, in skills of helpful service to other persons will help to fulfill Christ's intention for his church.

TRANSMITTING THE FAITH (2 Tim. 2:1-2)

Each Christian and a church as a whole should strive to be strong through the grace and power of God in Christ. In other words, a church needs a strong, vigorous, dynamic life. Such is required if it resists the allurements and corruption of evil and if it gives an effective witness to the world. Paul's admonition to Timothy focused specifically in verse 2 on his responsibility to enlist and train persons who would be effective in teaching and training others. What was required for Timothy in transmitting the faith is now required for every church. What a church has heard of the gospel, what it has experienced through the grace of Christ, what it has learned from experience in the fellowship and service of the gospel, all this it should pass on to others. The heritage of Christian faith is to be passed on from generation to generation. This means that the church's teaching task is a continuous task. This becomes imperative if the church is to keep on spreading the truth about God and giving light and life to the people of the world.

It is a fraud to borrow when we know that we will be unable to repay.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

The Price Of Concern Is High

Acts 6:8 - 7:60

By Bill Duncan

Augustine said, "The church owes Paul to the prayer of Stephen. Saul was a young man that was present at the stoning of Stephen. The angry men laid their outer coats at the feet of Saul and thereby he went along with the hostile mob. The prayer of Acts 7:60 says, 'Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.' However, Stephen died. Even this early martyr's blood gave seed to the church."



The price of concern was high for Stephen but the investment in the life of Saul bore rich rewards. Stoning was a horrible death. The criminals, as most were, were taken to a hill and thrown down a cliff. The witnesses against the accused had to do the throwing down. If the fall did not kill the man, great boulders were hurled down upon him until finally he died.

It was a case of blind uncontrollable anger that killed Stephen. There was no trial by a jury. The Sanhedrin had no right to put anyone to death. This was the reason Jesus had to go

before Pilate the Roman governor. The speech that Stephen made cost them so deep that they bit him like they were mad animals. Stephen had taken a risk with the speech and it cost him his life.

Speech of Concern

Stephen saw farther than his Jewish comrades, for he had a vision of a world for Christ. To the Jews, Barclay says that there were two things precious. First, there was the temple where sacrifices were to be offered and God truly worshipped. Second, there was the law which could never be changed. Stephen said the temple must pass away, as did Jesus. He also said the law was a stage toward

the gospel, that Christianity must go out to the whole wide world. By the act of speaking to the Sanhedrin in the synagogue he was saying that the spokesman for Christ could be anyone. The wisdom of Stephen overcame all arguments. So force was called upon when intelligence failed.

How many times have you seen someone react with force, after having been "put on the spot"? People who cannot have the center of attention very often will strike at persons to get their attention. Others will make fun or try to ridicule the others who have proven them to be wrong. I have seen occasions when a person who felt guilty would try to bring other people down to their level by starting gossip.

When Stephen was called up to defend himself, he chose history to make his appeal. In the history of the Jewish nation certain truth emerged that condemned the nation in Stephen's day. Men-worshiped God from many nations before there was a temple. God does not dwell exclusively in any temple made with hands. These ideas were directed at those who rejected the Gentiles. There were some who said that Gentiles had to become Jews before they could become people. Stephen saw that the chosen people of God were to be God's leaders to the rest of the world. They were not special favorites. God had never limited himself to one land and certainly not to one race. Finally Stephen accused the leaders of violating the very law which they professed to defend. "In Jesus, the religion of the Spirit had met the religion of the letter, of ritual, of narrow nationalism and particularism." The message of Jesus was preached by Stephen.

Prayer of Concern

In the prayer of Stephen, there are many ideas of concern shown.

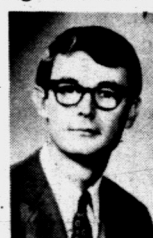
(1) We see the secret to his courage for love and concern. "His secret was that beyond all that men could do to him he saw awaiting him the welcome of His Lord." The martyr's death is the gateway to the throne of

New Golden Gate Prof

Dr. John P. Johnson, professor and music coordinator at Mississippi College has been named to the faculty in a similar position at Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Dr. Johnson, a native of Atlanta, has been minister of music for churches in Georgia, Kentucky, and Mississippi, and has taught at Kentucky Southern College and Southern Seminary, as well as Mississippi College. A graduate of Mercer University, he earned bachelor, master's and doctor's degrees from Southern Seminary. Effective Aug. 1, he will replace Carlyle D. Bennett, who is retiring after 19 years on the Golden Gate faculty.

Johnson is married to the former Marian Manson, director of social services for Hinds General Hospital, Jackson, Miss. The Johnsons have three children, John P., II, 10, Julian Andrew, 4, and Patrick Ross, 2.



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New officers at the Baptist Student Union of the USM: Front row, 1 to r: Neil Harris, Connie Jones, Ann Buck, Jerry Gilmore, Sandra Lynch, Jerri Manning, Diane Granberry, Rev. Louie Farmer, director. Second row, 1 to r: Skip Noble, assoc. director, Peggy Branton, Darryl Ferrington, Cherell Austin, Greg Massey, Bruce Miller, Flo White, Abe Howze.

BSU at USM Elects Jerry Gilmore President

Officers of the Baptist Student Union of the University of Southern Mississippi for 1972-73 were installed April 9 at University Church, Hattiesburg. They are: Jerry Gilmore, president; Ann Buck, vice president; Sandra Lynch, social chairman; Jerri Manning, Christian growth chairman; Neil Harris, public relations chairman; Connie Jones, missions chairman; Diane Granberry, Newspaper

chairman; Gregory Massey, student center chairman; Cherell Austin, records chairman; Bruce Miller, church relations chairman; Florence White, international student chairman; Abram Howze, music chairman; Darryl Ferrington, coffee house chairman; Peggy Branton, noonday chairman. The BSU director of Louie Farmer, Jr. and the associate director is Eli F. "Skip" Noble, Jr.

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Devotional

Will Christian Faith Fail Before Jesus Comes Again?

By O. P. Moore, Faculty, Clarke College

In Luke 18:8 Jesus asked something of the above question himself. It reads, "Nevertheless when the Son of Man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" With the apparent apostasy of the so-called Christian world, we wonder if it is not a most timely question to ponder.



Many religions have arisen and served for a time and then passed away. Some are saying Christianity will meet the same fate. "Can it survive?" others are asking. "Can Protestantism be saved?" asks Norman Vincent Peale in Reader's Digest, September, 1962. Similar questions are being raised about Catholicism.

Was Jesus raising such a question when he asked the one above? If not, what was he asking? On one occasion when his offended followers were so rapidly falling away from him, he said to his disciples, "Will you also go away?" So many "isms" have arisen to draw multitudes away from the faith. Scientism has become the god of many. Apostasy under the name of "liberalism" has deceived, and is deceiving, multitudes. "Materialism," it seems, more than ever, is crowding Christ out of hearts and homes of so very many. "Hedonism" in such forms as the "New Morality" is playing havoc with faith of untold numbers. "Permissivism," growing out of pagan philosophies as evolution, Freudian psychology, Marxism, and John Dewey's progressive education, is probably one of the most effective forces in destroying the faith of great numbers.

Many Christians see in this great "falling away" a harbinger of Christ's return to earth. It is true that no one knows when Christ is to come again. All the New Testament writers confirm His coming again, however.

Faith may be viewed from three standpoints. Objectively, it is considered as a body of teachings, or doctrines. Will Jesus find a body of teachings about Himself as being the God-man, the Saviour and Redeemer, when He comes again? Subjectively, faith is to be viewed as personal beliefs. Here it refers to "praying" faith—the kind that will not take "no" for an answer. The Importunate Widow and Jacob at Jabbok are examples. Expressively, faith refers to a way of life. Will Christ find followers who express in their daily lives His way of life? Will they be denying themselves, bearing crosses, faithfully following Him?

The above question can only be answered by Christ's followers at His coming. The all-important question for us, His followers, to ponder is what if Jesus should come today. What would He find in us? Would He find us in the faith, and faith in us?

Jesus is coming to earth some day
What if it were today?
Coming to claim His chosen bride
What if it were today?

"Be ye therefore ready also, for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not" — (Luke 12:40)

Linwood Homecoming

Linwood Church, Neshoba County, will observe homecoming May 28. Rev. Bill Richardson, pastor, will preach at the regular morning service which will be followed with lunch in the Fellowship Hall. For the afternoon service, to begin at 1:30 p.m., the guest speaker will be Rev. Raymond Wilson, pastor of Five Points Church, Northport, Alabama. Various others will share the program, and special music is planned. Friends and former pastors are invited.

Waymakers To Sing

At Mt. Zion (Rankin)

The Waymaker Quartet will sing at Mt. Zion Church near Florence in Rankin County on May 21, in the service beginning at 7 p.m. The Young Adult Sunday School class is sponsoring this program, and the public is invited. Refreshments will be served. Rev. Kenneth Harrison is pastor.

Friendship does not mean knowing all about a person. It is knowing him.

Names In The News

Maxey Jarman, chairman of Genesco, and widely known Southern Baptist layman, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from Georgetown College in commencement exercises May 19.

Kenneth Jones of Mississippi recently received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida.

Blue Mountain students have elected editors of campus publications for the 100th annual session. They are Kathy Justice of Eupora, editor of the Mountaineer, college yearbook; Jan Tucker of Jackson, editor of the Mountain Breeze, student literary journal; and Annette Wells of 973 Brower, Memphis, editor of "The B. M. Seer", a campus newspaper.



"Two young ministers are available for service," states Dr. Gail DeBord, pastor of First Church, Long Beach, Stanley Andrews as minister of youth or education, and Eugene Daniel Swindle as pastor or preacher. Stanley, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Andrews, Long Beach, is attending Mississippi State, taking a major in physical education. He is to graduate in January, 1973. His primary interest is in youth work. Stanley, at left, can be contacted through First Church, Long Beach. Danny, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Swindle, Tusculuma, Ala., is attending William Carey College, majoring in religion and philosophy. He is a junior. Danny, at right, is available for preaching, youth work, and special meetings where a minister is needed. He has been licensed to the gospel ministry and can be contacted through First Baptist Church, Long Beach.



At Strayhorn Church, Tate County, at Sarah, those in the above group have received Sunday School perfect attendance pins from six to nine years. Front row, 1 to 6: Donna Pryor, six years; Paul Brown, six; Gregg Pryor, six; Pam Brown, eight; Rev. Cecil Cole, pastor. Second row: Sammy Ashe, nine years, six months; Danny Ashe, nine years, six months; Flord Pryor, six years; Bobbie Pryor, six; Jack Houston, director; Byrle Ashe, nine years.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. McAtee, missionary appointees, have completed orientation at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Ga. Until their departure July 10 for Indonesia, they may be addressed at 1611 Bailey, Ave., Jackson Miss., 39203. Both Mr. and Mrs. McAtee are natives of Jackson; she is the former Carolyn Mahaffey. At the time of their appointment by the Foreign Mission Board last October they were living in Hayward, Calif., where he was pastor of Hampton Road Baptist Church.

W. Robert (Bob) May (pictured) is now serving as Church Work Consultant at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. A Th. M. graduate of the seminary, May has returned for advanced study following three years as a Navy chaplain.

A native of Montgomery, Ala., he is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William P. May of Mathews, Ala. He is a graduate of Auburn University, and served three years as pastor of Cubahatchie Baptist Church, Shorter, Ala.

Many students come to the seminary with excellent qualifications and experience in serving churches. Pulpit committees and personnel committees are invited to contact Mr. May at New Orleans Seminary, 3939 Gentilly, New Orleans, LA 70126, when their churches need pastors or other staff members.

Dr. John H. Harper, (picture) assistant professor of guidance education, Mississippi State University, and a deacon in First Church, Starkville, was recently elected by the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to fill the vacancy on the

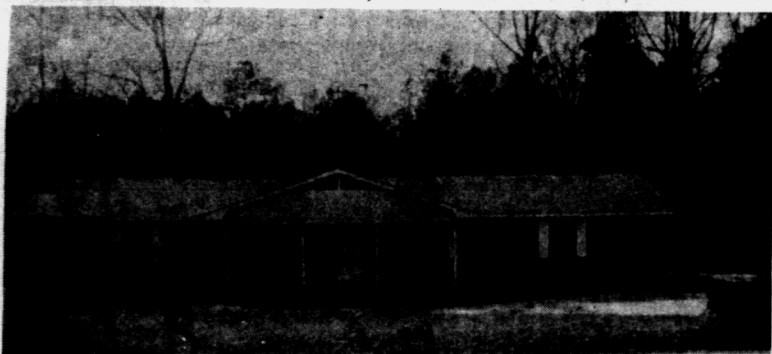
Christian Action Commission for the current year. Dr. Harper is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, has his Master's degree from Auburn University and Doctor's degree from Auburn in counseling and psychology. While a student at Samford, he served two years as summer youth director in Baptist churches. Currently, he serves as Chairman of the Youth Committee of First Church, Starkville, and teaches a Sunday school class. He has written extensively in the area of counseling and family life. He is married to the former Marty Jones of Jasper, Alabama, and they have two children.

Alan Taylor, Route 2, Box 250C, Pascagoula, has rededicated his life to the Lord's work and is available for supply preaching. Licensed to preach by Scooba Church, he is a graduate of William Carey College. He may be reached by phone at 588-3504.

Harvey W. Carr is the new minister-of-music for Harland's Creek (Holmes). Mr. Carr is the son of Rev. James Carr, pastor of Horseshoe Church, Tchula. He is married to the former Deborah Chandler of Greenville and now resides in that city. He is a graduate of Clarke College (where he attended with the pastor, Rev. Larry Hendricks) and has attended Eastern Montana College in Billings, Montana. While at Clarke, he was on the BSU Council and directed the BSU Choir. While at Eastern, he was on a full scholarship as the Student Director of Choral Activities. He has served two summers as a summer music worker with the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and as minister of music and youth of churches in Quitman, Meridian, and Billings, Montana. He also served as the organist of the Greenfield Church, Greenville. A licensed minister-of-music, he is a welcome addition to the staff at Harland's Creek. Sunday afternoon, May 21, he will be featured in concert at First Church, Lexington.

William Glenn (Bill) Watson, older son of Rev. and Mrs. William G. Watson of Clinton, has accepted the call of First Church, Bastrop, La. to become minister of education on June 1. He graduated on May 12 from Southwestern Seminary with the M. R. E. degree, and will be married on May 26 to Miss Kathy Minix of Ft. Worth. During seminary days he has served as youth director of First Church, Benbrook, Texas.

Four students in the Mississippi College School of Nursing captured top offices of the Mississippi Association of Student Nurses at their recent spring meeting. Carolyn Ray of Pontotoc won the title of Miss Mississippi Student Nurse for 1972 after competing with students from eleven other schools for the title. Other Mississippi College nursing student winning honors were Donna Norman, Meridian, corresponding secretary; Libby Hilburn, Jackson, recording secretary; and Glennis Corder, Calhoun City, a member of the nominating committee.



Open House Held At Springfield Pastorium

Springfield Church, Scott County, held open house recently at their new pastorium. This colonial style all-electric house has central air and heat, and includes three bedrooms, two complete baths, living room and dining area, kitchen-den combination, pastor's study complete with book shelves, a utility room, and a carport. The construction was under the supervision of Truman Manning. The trustees, along with many other members, spent many hours of labor during the construction. The ladies helped with keeping the working area clean and provided lunch for the workers. Rev. Eric Hammerstrom, pastor, his wife Bobbie, and their two small children are enjoying the pastorium.

Bethlehem Homecoming

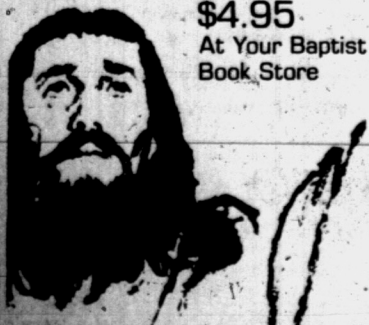
Rev. Howard Beck Benson of First Church, Carrollton, Ga. will preach the homecoming sermon at Bethlehem Church (former Milligan Springs) in Montgomery County, on May 21, the third Sunday.

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Standards for The Centurymen are high. Each applicant must qualify vocally and musically before being chosen.

Potential applicants may write Miss Diane Lisby, Radio and Television Commission, 6350 West Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas, 76116, for an audition application. A tape of the applicant's singing voice must be returned with the application form before June 1, 1972.

Young Musicians To Sing At Midway Church

May 7, the Young Musician's Choir of Midway Church, Jackson, sang in concert at Good Hope Church, West Monroe, La.

Mrs. Joan Rives is the director and Mrs. Elizabeth Bilbo the accompanist. Friday, May 12, the choir sang in revival service at Center Terrace Church, Canton. Sunday, May 28, at 7:00 p.m., the choir will present their last program for this year at Midway Church.

Dennis McIntire is minister of music and Rev. W. Benton Preston is pastor.

Gideons Present Bibles To Hospital

A group of prominent Jackson businessmen representing the Gideons are pictured donating a copy of the Bible like those which they have placed throughout Mississippi Baptist Hospital for use by patients, visitors and personnel. The Gideons also have donated a copy of the New Testament to every student enrolled in the hospital's five educational programs. Pictured above left to right are: Chaplain Gordon Shambarger, hospital Chaplain; Stan West; Paul Barlow; Newman Reese; and J. T. Grantham.

Don't let God's precious promises just rest in the Bible; hold them close in your heart and the devil can never reach you.

Revival Dates

First Church, Hickory: May 26, 27, 28; services at 7:30 p.m. Fri. and Sat., and 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday; Dr. Foy Rogers, director, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, evangelist; Pat Jones, minister of music at First, Hickory, singer; Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor.

First, McHenry: May 14-19; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Joe Ivy, evangelist; C. H. (Pop) Stone, singer.

Pass Road, Gulfport: May 29-June 4; Rev. George Bowers, pastor; Thomas Ayo, New Orleans, evangelist; Paul Sullivan and A. B. Rutland, musicians; services at 7:30 p.m.; special music at each service.

Griffith Memorial Church: May 21-26; Dr. Howard Aultman, pictured, First Church, Columbia, evangelist; Gene Hubbard, First Church, Rayville, La., singer; Rev. Wilson Winstead, pastor; Services at 7 a.m., and 7 p.m.

Brewer Noteburning

On April 23 the Brewer Church, Lee County, held a noteburning service. The church has been remodeled and new facilities have been added. The pastor, Rev. Rex Yancey, states that the church is experiencing a great revival. Left to right are Charlie Collier, deacon; Pastor Yancey; and Mrs. Lillian Barnett, church treasurer.

Hathorn To Celebrate 65th Anniversary

Hathorn Church, Rt. 4, Columbia, will celebrate its 65th anniversary on May 28. All former pastors, members and friends are invited to attend services and noon dinner on Homecoming Day, May 28.

A revival will begin also on this day and continue through June 2. Rev. C. Lonnie Earnest, pictured, pastor of New Hope Church Foxworth, will be the evangelist. Layman Duke Barnes, coach at Columbia High School will lead the music. Services will be at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

On Friday night a special youth emphasis will be observed. Special music is planned for each service. Rev. Jesse Albritton is pastor.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Bunkley (Franklin): April 9-14; Rev. Sherrill Loftin of Louisiana, preaching; Homer Case, song leader of Gum Grove, leading singing; 17 professions of faith; for baptism; two by letter; many rededications; Rev. Archie Ezell, pastor.

Houston, Parkway: April 30-May 5; 12 professions of faith; 4 by letter; 9 rededications; many homes dedicated to God; Rev. Billy E. Roby, Horn Lake, evangelist; Tom Hardin, Houston, Music; Rev. Ira Bright, pastor.

Off The Record

The Big speech was over and program chairman of the civic club handed the speaker a check.

"No, no," he said. "I wouldn't think of accepting payment. I was happy to speak to you. Please contribute any honorarium to some worthy cause."

"Would you mind if we put it in our special fund?" asked the program chairman.

"Of course not," said the speaker. "What's the fund for?"

"To help us get better speakers next year."

"My dears," gushed the matron at the bridge party, "my resolution this year is never to repeat gossip, so for heaven's sake listen carefully the first time."

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A man said to a waiter in the restaurant, "I was here yesterday and had a steak."

"Yes, sir," said the waiter. "Will you have the same today?"

"Yes," said the man. "I think I'll try it again, if no one else is using it."

Modern mother, to neighbor: "I always wanted a child with long hair, but I was hoping it would be a girl."



Silver Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. Emerson Tedder, Jr. above, were honored on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary recently by members of Macedonia Church, Lincoln Co., where Mr. Tedder is pastor. Helping the Tedders receive the many friends who came to express congratulations and best wishes, was Mrs. Johnny Mason, their daughter, of Hazlehurst. Ladies of the Young Married Department served guests. The four-tiered cake was iced in white and decorated with pink flowers and a silver wedding bell and bride and groom. The couple received many gifts which were opened and placed on display.

Summerland Homecoming

Summerland Church, Route 3, Taylorsville, will observe annual homecoming on May 28. Dr. George Harrison of New Orleans Seminary will be guest preacher. Lunch will be served at the church. The afternoon program an old-fashioned singing will be under the direction of Joe Hill. Rev. Carmon Savell is pastor. The public is invited.

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